

Weather cannot take the blame

BP share sale looms after water U-turn

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is ready to fill the gap left in its finances after the shelving of water privatization...

Last night Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury...

most likely the £1 billion expected from the flotation of the Thames authority...

The Government has already sold two tranches of its holding in BP...

The Government mounted a concerted exercise to dampen election speculation yesterday after the sudden shift of policy on water...



Mr Biffen: denied efforts for privatization had cooled.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment...

He denied that the postponement of the water Bill, following that of the British Airways and Royal Ordnance factory flotations...

There were specific technical problems over each, and the water measure had already become so complex that there had been no likelihood of presenting it early enough in the next session to get it through on time.

Mr Ridley yesterday reaffirmed that the water industry would eventually be privatized.

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The Prince of Wales chatting to other patrons of the Windsor Castle public house, Deptford, over a drink yesterday.

Prince looks in at the local

The Prince of Wales dropped in for a drink at The Windsor Castle public house in Deptford, south London, yesterday.

He surprised his party by going on an impromptu walkabout in the area's busy high street during a visit to launch the Deptford Enterprise Agency.

There were shouts of "Good Old Charles" as he pushed aside a crash barrier and walked into the saloon bar of the public house at the invitation of Mr Raymond Joiner, the landlord.

The Prince glanced up at the painted sign, showing his family home, and said: "That's very appropriate."

Mr Joiner, who runs the pub with his wife, Lynn, said: "Prince Charles asked for a sweet cider and I bought him one."

The Prince met Mr Dave Brown, who lives at a hostel for homeless men near by, in the public bar, and discovered a mutual interest in the radio programme The Goons.

Mr Brown said afterwards: "I know Prince Charles can imitate them all but he said he would not do them today."

Mr Chris Ingram, who is unemployed, also spoke to the Prince and said: "I think a lot of the Queen Mother and I asked him how she was."

The Prince also looked in on the boutique run by Mr Stafford Brown and his wife, Mr Brown, a West Indian, said: "I took him along because I think it is important that he should see what we are capable of."

The Prince was told at the agency that its special role is to help to develop business among the ethnic minorities.

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WINDSOR CASTLE

Bomb attack in white Pretoria suburb injures 15

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A bomb placed between two cars exploded yesterday outside a supermarket in Silverton, a white suburb of Pretoria, injuring at least 15 people of all races...

The explosion was the twelfth in South African cities since a state of emergency was declared on June 12...

Yesterday's blast brings the number of casualties in such incidents to three killed and 116 injured.

A total of 99 "unrest" deaths have been reported by the Bureau since the emergency was declared.

In Kimberley, four De Beers diamond mines were closed yesterday by a strike by the black workforce of 1,950.

It was called, partly in support of a pay claim, but mainly to protest at the detention of trade union leaders under the emergency.

Hundreds of union officials and members have been detained under the emergency regulations, which give sweeping powers to the police.

Pik Botha invites world sanctions

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

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PC not guilty of boy's killing

By Craig Seton

Police Constable Brian Chester, who was acquitted yesterday of the unlawful killing of John Shorthouse, aged five, walked free from Stafford Crown Court and said: "All involved in this tragedy can never be the same again."

PC Chester, aged 35, was greeted by cheers and applause from 300 people outside the court, where he said: "I am sure Mrs Shorthouse can never forgive and I can never forget."

The officer, who shot the boy through the heart from nine inches range during a police raid on his parents' Birmingham home, had to wait two and a half hours for the jury of seven women and five men to reach its unanimous verdict.

The father of three was expressionless as the jury foreman declared "not guilty" to manslaughter. He left the dock immediately to telephone his wife.

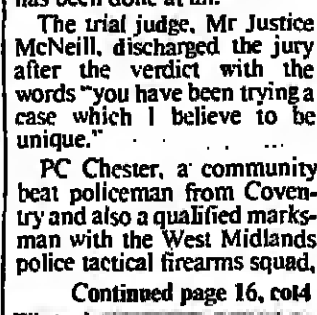
Clearly relieved, he read out a brief statement before being whisked away by car. He said: "I am relieved that the ordeal of the trial is now over for my wife and family. I have always maintained that the death of John Shorthouse was a tragic accident and I am content that an English jury has heard all the evidence and agreed."

"Naturally, nothing I can do or say can repair the sorrow and loss caused to the Shorthouse family and only now am I allowed to express my feelings regarding the bereaved and I pass on to them my deepest condolences."

Mrs Jacqueline Shorthouse, aged 26, the dead boy's mother, was not in court to hear the verdict. She said to her solicitor: "I feel very upset and bitter. I do not feel that justice has been done at all."

The trial judge, Mr Justice McNeill, discharged the jury after the verdict with the words "you have been trying a case which I believe to be untrue."

PC Chester, a community beat policeman from Coventry and also a qualified marksman with the West Midlands police tactical firearms squad, Continued page 16, col 4



PC Chester leaving court yesterday

Monday Watchers in the sky



Who will win the contract for Britain's early warning system?

Portfolio £24,000 to be won

There is £24,000 - double the usual total - to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition...

Prison strike

Fifty women prison officers at the Risley remand centre, Warrington, Cheshire, stopped work yesterday because of a dispute over staffing levels.

On This Day

Was Everest climbed in 1924 by George Mallory and Andrew Irvine? Noel Odell, the expedition's geologist, believes they must have reached the summit Page 7

Too noisy

The peace and quiet of Surrey was destroyed for a retired couple when the M25 was built 200 metres from their home - but they are disqualified from receiving an insulation grant Family Money, pages 21 to 25

Oxford passes

Oxford class lists for botany and geology are published today. Page 25

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US asks France to push for summit

From Michael Binyon, New York

President Reagan and President Francois Mitterrand, who stood side by side at the Statue of Liberty centennial celebrations, met over lunch yesterday to discuss the prospects for East-West relations in advance of the French leader's visit to Moscow on Monday.

Mr Reagan impressed on Mitterrand his eagerness to achieve progress at the Geneva arms talks and his commitment to a summit meeting this year with Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

He clearly hopes M Mitterrand, during his three-day Moscow visit, will be able to prod the Soviet leader in to setting a firm date for the summit.

In recent weeks the US and Soviet leaders have written to each other about their proposed second meeting, with Mr Gorbachov saying the Soviet Union is ready for preparatory talks between the countries' foreign ministers.

After his recent conciliatory speech at Glassboro, Mr Reagan said in an interview on Thursday that new Soviet arms control proposals "make me optimistic that we're not only going to have a summit, but we're going to have a summit where we can reach agreement on some of the goals we share".

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Ilea sports chief lacks team spirit

By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent

Competitive team sports should not be played during school hours, a leading physical education chief said last night.

Mrs Carol Rowbotham, chief inspector of physical education for the Inner London Education Authority, said inter-school matches should take place after 4 pm on Saturday mornings.

"I think balance is the most important word, particularly when we are talking about the daily programme - the 9 to 4 programme in schools."

"We would be against competition during that," Mrs Rowbotham said on ITV's The London Programme, which was devoted to the decline of team sports such as cricket, football and rugby union in schools.

Mrs Rowbotham said she did not think that curriculum time should be spent just with the best seven, eleven or best fifteen playing another school.

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# Labour's immigration policy would 'open the door to thousands'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr David Waddington, the Home Office Minister in charge of immigration, has said that Labour Party policies would open the door to tens of thousands of immigrants.

He challenged recent statements by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and Mr Gerald Kaufman, shadow Home Secretary, on immigration which he said were clearly incompatible.

On the one hand the Labour Party wanted Asian people to believe immigration controls would be substantially relaxed, while on the other it wanted to reassure the rest of Britain that their policies would have little practical effect.

This indicated "something rather unconvincing is afoot", he said in a speech to Epsom Conservatives last night.

"They are cynically leading one group or the other up the garden path."

During his recent visit to India Mr Kinnock said a Labour Government would repeal recent immigration and nationality laws. Mr Kaufman said his party's policies would lead to fewer than 1,000 more immigrants a year entering Britain.

Mr Waddington said that good race relations depended on firm immigration control.

"It is a simple but undeniable fact that there is a limit to the number of newcomers any society can absorb and we could not possibly accept all those who want to come."

Mr Kinnock had called for everyone born in Britain to have the right to citizenship automatically.

"This would involve giving citizenship, and therefore, the right of abode, to children born to parents here in a temporary capacity; for instance, students or people here illegally. Between 3,000 and 6,500 children would be affected each year," Mr Waddington said.

The Labour Party's pledge to remove rules which stopped people using marriage as a way of entering Britain would allow in another 1,500 young men a year, he said. But it could also lead to many more immigrants who saw it as a new way of getting into the country.

An easing of rules governing the admission of elderly parents and other relatives could lead to an influx of about 500 more people a year. And another 5,500 could be admitted through Labour's commitment to transfer unused entry vouchers from Asians in Africa to those in India. In addition, around 36,000 British overseas citizens in India could join the entry queue.

Mr Waddington gave a warning that the Opposition's recent statement on considering appeals for admission from the ethnic minorities in Hong Kong hinted at "a substantial increase".

Mr Kaufman had pledged that "Labour will change the immigration procedures within an hour of taking office."

Last year 18,000 people were refused entry because officials were not satisfied that they qualified and another 3,670 relatives were not allowed in because of doubts about their relationship.

"I do not wish the immigration issue to become a heated one," Mr Waddington said. "But as the minister with day-to-day responsibility for immigration it would be irresponsible if I were not to challenge the Labour Party to identify what they wish to change in the immigration laws and rules and what effect their proposals would have."

Mr Douglas began playing by ear at the age of five, and after preliminary lessons from a local teacher he entered the City of Belfast School of Music three years later. He continued his studies at the Royal College between 1978 and 1982, and has since won international awards in the United States, Israel and Spain.

In his family home yesterday, his mother, Mrs Sadie Douglas, said that there had been no time to celebrate because the telephone had not stopped ringing with messages of congratulations.

There was no strong musical tradition in the family, although Mr Douglas's paternal grandfather had been a amateur pianist and violinist.



Part of the longest milk bottle-top chain in the world - or, if not, very nearly - being strung along yesterday by Alexa Wereszczak (left) and Sian McNamara at the Silver Jubilee of the Pre-School Playgroups Association at Battersea Park, south London. The chain is to be given to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Photograph: Peter Trimmer).

# Britain 'obsessed by the academic'

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Britain had never had a proper system of education and training geared to the needs of industry and commerce, Mr Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, told a conference yesterday.

The British obsession with the academic was more than a subject of passing concern, he told careers teachers. It had been responsible for much of our economic decline because it helped turn industry into a dirty word.

"I believe that perceptions are beginning to change, but it is nothing short of a national tragedy that young people have come to regard the spanner and the spark plug with such disdain."

Mr Nicholson told the conference that British employers had to recruit from people containing "people with few

formal qualifications and very limited vocational training. Moreover, young people were not provided with such a good foundation for continuing their education later in life as they were in other countries.

The Technical and Vocational Training Initiative, which was to become a national programme affecting every secondary school, would help to change all that so that what children learned was more practical and relevant to adult life and the world of work.

"What that means, in effect, is that more young people are encouraged to stay at school to get qualifications and skills that will be useful to them in adult life, so that they may have a better and broader foundation for subsequent education and training for professional or working life."

# TV licence campaign nets £4m

A campaign to crack down on television licence dodgers has brought in an extra £4 million, it was announced yesterday.

Spearheading the five-month campaign on behalf of the Home Office was a 30-strong Post Office task force which supported local anti-evasion teams. Staffing of local teams has also been strengthened.

The campaign resulted in at least 90,000 extra licences being bought, worth £4 million. The number of licences in force reached a record of nearly 19 million this year.

Mr Brian Sprot, who heads the Post Office's anti-evasion operation, said: "The campaign was particularly successful as it was undertaken in the week of a TV licence increase, which always tends to give rise to more evasion."

"The concentration of effort provided by the task force, supported by extensive broadcast and Press publicity, paid dividends."

# Pianist wins in Moscow

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Every four years is regarded as the most demanding of its kind in the world.

Mr Barstow attributed his student's success to an engaging personality, which could not be underestimated at this level of competition, a remarkable ability to concentrate and a natural facility for music.

"Barry has a touch of the Irish charm. I have no doubt this played a part in his warm reception in Moscow," he said.

"He was a very advanced player with a most distinguished style when he arrived at the college. If he carries on at the rate he has done, there is every reason to suppose he may become the outstanding pianist of his generation."

Mr Barstow said that Mr Douglas had effectively refuted criticism of teaching facilities and standards in Britain.

"One continually hears complaints that we are lagging behind the east European, and that our most talented musicians have to study

abroad to further their careers.

"Barry is a British pianist who has studied exclusively in Britain. I think his magnificent achievement amply disproves these assertions."

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# £1,000 for ILEA man who was arrested

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Mr Herman Outseley, the new deputy head of the Inner London Education Authority, is to receive £1,000 from the Metropolitan Police in an out-of-court settlement, after claiming he was falsely imprisoned following an incident in 1979.

Two other men are receiving £1,250 and £500 for their claims against the police. The settlement has been delayed because of difficulties in keeping in touch with one of the three claimants and a series of court actions about the case.

Mr Brian Raymond, solicitor for the three, said the case arose out of an incident in a south London public house seven years ago in which a policeman was injured.

Police received information that one of the men involved in the incident was a black man with a sheepskin coat and might be found at an address in Brixton, south-east London. The address was the office of a Lambeth community group.

Police arrested Mr Outseley, who is soon to take up his new post. Mr Lloyd Douglas, a community worker, and a third man who did not want to be identified later. All three are black and owned sheepskin coats. They were freed after several hours.

The case was delayed for a period and the police then applied successfully for the case to be struck out because of the time being taken. An appeal was mounted and the case was reinstated.

# Man who sued rail union gets his cheque

By Angella Johnson

A former naval commander who won a historic legal battle for damages from rail unions after he was left stranded during a rail strike called without a ballot in support of the miners, yesterday collected his cheque for £173.

That is the amount Mr Angus Falconer, aged 55, of Crimmar Lane, Sheffield, was awarded by a county court in May when the National Union of Railwaymen and Aslef were ordered to pay damages.

A delighted Mr Falconer picked up his cheque and said: "This represents a huge step forward for the freedom of the individual."

"Although it has cost me a good deal of money to fight the case, other people can follow in my footsteps without it costing them a penny. If they are the victim of an illegal strike they can take action for damages and costs because I have now established the precedent."

Mr Falconer was paid the £53 cost of staying overnight in a London hotel and £100 general damages for the inconvenience, plus interest.

Mr Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association which supported Mr Falconer's case, said that the unions have dropped plans to appeal against the ruling.

"The floodgates are now open to any traveller and I think the rail unions are anxious that the 'test' is not well publicized," he said.

# Jeweller is remanded in custody

Mr John Palmer, a jeweller, appeared in court yesterday charged in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat gold bullion robbery.

Mr Palmer, aged 36, from Bath, is accused of conspiring to handle dishonestly gold bullion stolen in Britain's biggest robbery.

Det Chief Supt Inspector Ron Smith, of Scotland Yard's special operations task force, objected to bail.

Mr Philip Alberg, for Mr Palmer, made no application for bail, and Mr Palmer was remanded in custody until July 11 by magistrates at Horseferry Road, central London.

He had been held at Kennington police station, south London, since his arrest at Heathrow Airport last Wednesday.

# Decline of the sliced white loaf

The standard sliced white loaf, which a few years ago seemed to pose a major threat to "real" bread, now appears to be in decline (John Young writes).

Although it is still the clear market leader, with 42 per cent of total sales, it has lost ground to brown bread, unsliced white and wholemeal. The latter showed a 45 per cent increase in consumption in the first three months of this year compared with the same period last year.

According to the Federation of Bakers, wholemeal now accounts for 15 per cent of total sales, and brown bread for a further 12 per cent. Total bread consumption between January and March was up from 30.12 to 30.87 or a 2.50, representing an extra 250,000 loaves a day.

# Killer confined indefinitely

A student nurse who shot his former tutor was sent to hospital without limit of time at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Gathouse said he regarded 33-year-old Michael Howard as a "danger" after he pleaded guilty to a killing which was "pre-planned, deliberate, brutal and merciless".

# Mother sees fire kill family

By Michael McCarthy

She had to watch her husband Halam, aged 26, who was unemployed, make frantic efforts to escape with their daughter Diane, aged five, from an upstairs front bedroom. But he was overcome by the smoke and flames.

Mrs Williams suffered burns in the explosion at her home in Withycombe Drive, Banbury. Her children Diane, Rachel, aged 18 months, and Scott, aged five months, died.

Her son Nigel, aged three, rescued by firemen walking through "a wall of flame", was last night critically ill in Stoke Mandeville Hospital with 50 per cent burns.

Angry neighbours alleged last night that all the heaters in a group of 40-year-old council houses were faulty.

Westminster City Council, the planning authority, eventually agreed in principle to the proposed alterations on condition that the Victorian murals in the central hall were repositioned and that it be supplied with the fullest details so that it "could be reassured as to their quality".

Bal English Heritage, which took over powers of the abolished Greater London Council to grant or refuse listed building consent for alterations, feared that parts of the interior could be mutilated.

Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of Westminster's planning and development committee, said: "Unfortunately it appears that English Heritage felt unable to take a suitably flexible view as ours."

A spokesman for English Heritage said: "Our primary job is to consider whether changes to a listed building are going to seriously alter or mutilate it. Our job was not to consider whether there should be an art collection in this building."

# Pit union asks men to stay

By Ronald Faux

National Union of Mineworkers officials in Scotland appealed yesterday to miners to stay in the industry and remove their names from the voluntary redundancy lists.

The union, concerned at the flood of men seeking to accept British Coal's redundancy terms of £1,000 for every year's service, described the offer as a "con trick" on the workforce which the miners would regret.

Mr George Crawford, NUM Scottish executive member and branch chairman at Bliston Gully Colliery in Edinburgh, told a meeting of 140 miners that it would be a mistake to opt for redundancy.

But 650 of the 1,400 men at the pit have put forward their names. At neighbouring Monktonhall colliery a similar proportion have decided to leave the industry.

The NUM is arguing that the miners would be worse off because a future had been assured for both pits. None of the miners would qualify for social security if they left the industry.

# Lamb sells in shops after curb

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Sales of lamb appear not to have been affected as badly as was feared in the latest radiation scare.

Two weeks after the Government imposed restrictions on the movement and slaughter of sheep in certain parts of the country, the public seems to have accepted assurances that meat in the shops presents no health risk, and to be taking advantage of low seasonal prices to stock fivers.

The National Federation of Meat Traders yesterday described the situation as encouraging.

The price in the shops of whole leg is down to an average of £1.81 a pound from £1.98 last week, and shoulder is down from £1.20 to £1.07.

The fall is largely attributable to seasonal factors, although in Scotland, where the restrictions were announced later than in North Wales and Cumbria, prices have dropped more sharply, by about 35p a pound.

# Science Report

## Japan dominates the desalination market

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Japan now supplies half of the world's high volume desalination plants. Countries with water shortage problems are becoming increasingly dependent on the results of research being conducted by Japanese chemists and engineers.

More than 7.5 million cubic metres of desalinated water is produced each day from the Japanese plants around the world. Water and salt are separated from ordinary sea water - more than 97 per cent of the water on earth.

The driving force behind the research has been the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). It has been steering its technologists towards the research and development of systems which can process in volume.

The Japanese research programme, which involves the development of four principal techniques, began on a large scale in 1979. Their ambitious research programme will ensure that plants capable of producing more than 100,000 cubic metres a day of water could be commonplace by the end of next year.

The desalination techniques obtain fresh water from sea water or remove salt which is dissolved in the water. Evaporation was the first developed technique. Heated seawater is

pipled into a specially designed room under reduced pressure where it evaporates.

The second and third principal research methods centre around a technique called *Osmosis/Reverse Osmosis*, where the flow of the sea water through a semipermeable membrane takes place. The membrane permits only the solvent (fresh water) but not the substances dissolved (common salt) to pass.

The fourth technique being developed and refined is based on *electrodialysis* methods. In this case the salt water is fed into a container with two electrodes of different polarity at each end, broken into sections by semipermeable membranes. A direct current voltage is applied across the anode and cathode plates with the common salt - separated out through electrolysis.

According to a report\* Japan has supplied 47.2 per cent of the world's evaporation desalination plants (capacity 7,471,000 cubic metres a day), 7.22 per cent of the world's reverse osmosis plants (capacity 1,983,000 cubic metres a day) and 8.45 per cent of the world's electrodialysis plants (capacity 467,000 metres a day).

\*Source: Digest of Japanese Industry and Technology 218/1986.

# Freemasons exhibition to dispel 'dark image'

By Paul Valley

Freemasonry can now hold few secrets from the general public, the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, said yesterday at the opening of a permanent exhibition on the history and work of the craft.

He said that the exhibition, in the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street, Holborn, central London, would help dispel some of the persistent myths of "nameless dark practices", strange regalia and undue secrecy which surround the order.

Such rumours had been fuelled in recent years by the publication of a number of scurrilous books on the subject. The Freemasons' attitude towards such allegations were best ignored had been "perhaps a misguided policy", he said.

The exhibition and the new willingness to speak, albeit to a limited extent, is largely the result of allegations by the writer Stephen Knight in a book published in 1983 which claimed that freemasonry had undue influence among the police and judiciary and that some sections of its more

# Planning laws defeat private gallery scheme

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Frederick Koch, the American philanthropist, yesterday criticised British planning laws which forced him to abandon plans to house his £30 million art collection at St John's Lodge in Regents Park, central London.

After negotiations lasting more than two years Mr Koch has given up his scheme to lease the empty grade I listed building, designed by Sir Charles Barry, and spend £4 million on alterations to open his collection to the public.

"Although I have always sought a home for my collection in London I am no longer prepared to continue with the time consuming effort necessary to achieve that aim at St John's Lodge. Planning procedures seem to grind slow and exceedingly fine in Britain," Mr Koch said yesterday.

He agreed terms in 1984 with the Crown Estates Commission for a 99-year lease on the building, subject to planning permission for converting the interior in the style of Sir Charles's neo-classical exterior or completed in 1817.

# Butterfly fight for survival

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Several scarce and attractive species of British butterfly are almost extinct, according to the Nature Conservancy Council.

In an appeal for careful management of chalk grassland by farmers and other landowners, the council said yesterday that a survey by its Butterflies Under Threat Team (BUTT) had shown that several rare species had dwindled to only a few colonies.

Some had suffered from the tall growth of plants after grazing rabbits had been killed off in the 1940s and

1950s by myxomatosis. Others had failed to recover from the effects of the drought of 1976.

More than half of the 56 varieties of butterfly found in Britain occur on chalk grassland.

The BUTT group, which concentrated its research on downland in southern England because it provides the best breeding and feeding grounds for many types of butterfly, said there was no longer any chance of repeating the experience of old naturalists who had once "walked across endless

# Award-winning rose dominates festival

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

A display of Just Joey, a coppery pink and buff large flowered rose, which has won the James Mason memorial gold medal, will dominate the British Rose Festival, which opens today.

The rose was named after the wife of the raiser, Mr Roger Pewsey, from Castle Rose, of Chichester, Essex. It was introduced in 1973, and has since consistently topped popularity polls in Britain.

Mr Pewsey will today be presented with the medal at the festival by the donor, Mrs Clarissa Mason, widow of James Mason, the actor.

There is also a display of the 1986 Rose of the Year, Gentle Touch, a dwarf pink variety with warm, soft pink many rose growers are also showing this variety, including R. Harkness, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. They are also featuring their new orange and yellow floribunda, Wandering Minstrel, and gold and orange floribunda, Conqueror's Gold.

The new scented, pale yellow, splashed carmine floribunda, Champagne Cocktail, is being featured by E B LeCrice of

North Walsham, Norfolk, together with roses in unusual colours, which are their speciality.

The Times rose, a superb crimson red floribunda named after this newspaper, is prominently on the stand of Mr John Mattock, of Oxfordshire, who is featuring the new ground-cover roses, Red Bells, Pink Bells and White Bells.

Our Hilda, a rose pink hybrid tea named after Coronation Street's Hilda Ogden (Jean Alexander) made its debut at this year's Chelsea Flower Show and is being featured at the festival by Sealand Nurseries of Chester.

Fryer's Nurseries of Knutsford, Cheshire, are showing their floribunda, Festival Familiar, in pink with pale vermillion stripes, chosen as the Stoke Garden Festival rose.

Canis of Colchester obviously have a large display of Just Joey. Gardeners are also featuring the hybrid tea, King's Blush, by Warley Rose Gardens, of Brentwood, Essex, have The Times rose and Gentle Touch.

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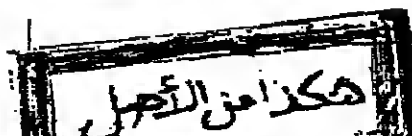
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**Man who sued rail union gets his cheque**

By Angela Johnson

A former naval commander who won a historic legal battle after he was left paralysed during a rail strike, has received his cheque for £170,000.

That is the amount awarded by the House of Lords in the case of *James v. Eastenders*.

Mr James, who was paralysed after a train struck him in 1974, had sued the Railways Union for damages.

The union had argued that it was not liable for the accident because it was not a party to the contract between the railway and the government.

The House of Lords, in a 3-2 majority, ruled in favour of Mr James, saying that the union was liable for the accident.

The cheque was handed to Mr James by the Railways Union at a ceremony in London.

# Elite squad to tackle gun sieges after death of boy

By Craig Seton

An elite firearms squad on permanent stand-by will be formed by West Midlands police in the aftermath of the John Shorthouse killing.

Its highly trained members could face new psychological tests designed to weed out officers who could not cope with the stress of operational firearms duties.

The force's tactical firearms squad is under scrutiny after criticism by members of the police authority of its "shocking record" of firearms accidents and the lack of psychological testing for stress.

In a report published after the Shorthouse shooting, it said that his death had exposed the weakness of the existing "part-time" marksmen system whereby an officer could be on duty at one moment and then thrust into the highly-charged atmosphere of an armed siege the next.

They had in mind part-time marksmen such as Police Constable Brian Chester, a community beat policeman in the Willenhall area of Coventry, patrolling streets and visiting schools.

But, nine of his 16 years with the force were as a firearms officer, qualified since 1977 as a marksmen and as a sniper since 1982. He was involved in two or three armed sieges a year.

When a bullet from his .38 magnum Smith and Wesson revolver struck John Shorthouse in the heart, it was the first time he had fired on operational duty.

PC Chester, regarded by his colleagues as an ideal and level-headed officer, was said by Sergeant Alan Slater, his "partner" during the Shorthouse raid, to have been as calm and cool as usual.

PC Chester had been on a sergeant's promotion course the day before the Birmingham raid and he and his pregnant wife spent the evening dining with friends, before leaving home shortly after 3 am for a rendezvous point.

# Bitter mother blames armed police raiders

The mother of John Shorthouse still holds the police entirely responsible for her son's death, and will not blame her husband, whose part in a robbery led to the armed police raid on their farmhouse in Birmingham (Craig Seton writes).

Mrs Jacqueline Shorthouse, aged 26, said: "I wish my husband John had never been involved in crime and I have told him he should never have done it."

"He wishes he had never gone on the raid, but I cannot hold him to blame. I hold the police totally responsible. They should not have been armed when they came to the house. It was not my kid's fault that John did wrong. Why should we suffer?"

Mrs Shorthouse broke down as she said: "The police must have known my husband was a married man with young children."

"I hate the police. I feel very bitter. I do not hate every



Mrs Thatcher in the chemistry class yesterday when she visited her old school at Grantham, Lincolnshire (Photograph: Suresh Karada).

# Thatcher moved as old school ties are renewed

By Mark Dowd

Britain's most illustrious grocer's daughter renewed her acquaintance with her alma mater when she arrived at Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School to open a £1.5 million extension yesterday.

It was Mrs Margaret Thatcher's first visit since February 1982 and she was visibly moved as she unveiled a plaque naming the Roberts Hall after her father, Mr Alfred Roberts, who was chairman of the board of governors for 23 years.

"It was he who taught me the hard lesson, never to follow the crowd but always to decide for myself which was the right way to go," she said.

One crowd that had clearly followed her was a group of 150 anti-nuclear campaigners, eager to voice anxieties about the possibility of a radioactive waste dump being sited at Fulbeck, about nine miles from Grantham.

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# 'Strong case' for curb on hippies

By a Staff Reporter

A measure to curb the activities of hippies will shortly be considered by Parliament, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday.

He said there was "a strong case for a fairly precise strengthening of the law." He did not give details but said that the Government had agreed "roughly" what to do.

Mr Hurd told a Bristol press conference: "We have agreed on a proposal which will be put to Parliament which will not criminalize trespass in general, but I hope, fill the gap and provide us with a way in which the law can be used more quickly and more effectively to meet the kind of mischief which people in the West Country endured."

The timing and tactics of putting it to Parliament had not yet been decided but he hoped the measure would be in place "reasonably soon."

One option being considered was that it might form part of the Public Order Bill. He believed it could cope with the "mischief" without problems of antagonizing ordinary trespassers, ramblers or bird watchers.

Mr Hurd was on a day-long visit to Bristol, meeting local Conservatives and Mr Ronald Broome, Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset. He was also meeting police recruits and visiting the Regional Crime Squad and its new drugs unit.

Mr Hurd recently announced that he was giving London police more special-

# Consul in rape bribe allegations

A British honorary consul was due to be interviewed yesterday over allegations that he tried to buy the silence of two rape victims.

British diplomats were to question Mr Paul Kutner, a London-born businessman and British Honorary Consul in Perpignan, France, over reports that he offered two girls £3,000 not to testify in a rape case involving two French youths, aged 19.

He is alleged to have made the offer when he visited the London homes of the girls.

The Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that a top British diplomat would be questioning Mr Kutner over the allegations. A spokesman said that the matter was under investigation by the French authorities.

The spokesman said: "He is not a member of the diplomatic service. He is a British national and like many of our honorary consuls he receives a small gratuity for the tasks he performs on our behalf."

Diplomatic immunity - if the police were to discover that a crime had been committed - would not be applicable. Under the agreement between Britain and France immunity is only granted in respect of acts performed in an official capacity.

# Firemen claim sex bias on haircuts

Three firemen claiming sexual discrimination against the London Fire Brigade when they were ordered to have a haircut, said at an industrial tribunal yesterday that they should be treated the same as women.

One of them, David Williams, aged 26, from Ware, Hertfordshire, said men should be given the same option as women, to tie up their hair.

Mr Williams, Alan Warwick of Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, and Ron Bonner of Hainault, north-east London, who are all based at Tottenham Fire Station, were ordered to have a haircut on January 9. Although they expected the order they claimed they should be given the option to either have their hair pinned up or tied back.

Mr Williams said that when he questioned the haircut order he was told that women were expected to have long hair and under no circumstances would women be ordered to have a haircut. The length of his hair does not affect the wearing of a mask.

Mr Williams now has blind, permed collar-length hair. Two women work alongside them at Tottenham. One has short hair and the other has long hair kept in a pony tail.

Mr Peter Brady, representing the men, told the tribunal in Euston, central London, that the men should not be treated differently from women. "They were prepared to have their hair pinned up or tied back in the interest of safety."

"In these days where longer hair is more fashionable it is a detriment to them to be required to have short hair," he said.

Mr Paul Stewart for the London Fire Brigade, said the authority had a duty to take action against the men for offences of untidiness.

"A reasonable fireman when told to get his haircut because it is offensive to authority, wouldn't take the view he was being subjected to any detriment."

"Men and women are subject to the same regulations concerning tidiness, appearance and hair length but there are recognized to be some differences in approach which relate to the personal appearance of men and women in the authority."

"In this case, the evidence is that they are treated equally subject to that difference, which results from the nature of men and women."

Mrs Marjorie Don, chairman of tribunal, said that judgement would be reserved.

# Canalettos fetch £594,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Two views of Venice painted on copper by Canaletto, which sold for £5,800 at Sotheby's in 1953, secured £594,000 at Christie's yesterday.

One depicts the Riva degli Schiavoni and the other the Moto with unromanticized accuracy.

Only nine paintings on copper by Canaletto are known to survive and they are considered to be the first of his paintings to aim at a purely topographical presentation without an accent on the picturesque. They formerly graced the Ashburnham collection.

Christie's sale of Old Master paintings included three expensive works which failed to sell, a Pieter Brueghel, a Ruisdael and a Tiepolo, which led 23 per cent unsold in the sale totalling £2,450,000.

Early oak furniture is not in the eye of fashion and the furnishings lovingly collected by Tom Burn to fill his Jacobean manor at Rous Lench brought prices much in line with expectations at Sotheby's yesterday.

The sale, however, contained a sprinkling of surprises. A deliciously embroidered silk and stumpwork basket of around 1660 sold for £41,800 (estimate £8,000-£17,000).

# Spy trial hears evidence in camera

By Stewart Tendler  
Crime Reporter

A number of prosecution witnesses gave evidence in camera yesterday, the fifth day of the trial of an East German couple accused of espionage.

Reinhard Schulze, aged 33, and his wife Sonja, aged 36, of Cranford, west London, have denied charges under the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Justice Michael Davies told the court yesterday that Mr Michael Hill, QC, who is defending Mrs Schulze, will be back in court on Monday, after being taken ill and collapsing earlier in the week. The judge said that his collapse had not been serious.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

# Chippendale collection safe

A grant of £6,100,000 agreed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund this week has safeguarded the future of Nostell Priory, Yorkshire, whose contents include what is probably the world's finest collection of Chippendale furniture.

There were fears that Lord St Oswald, who lives there, might have to sell much of the furniture to pay a £3 million tax bill. The grant is to meet the tax obligations and create a charitable trust for the house's upkeep.

# Fares plea by jobless father

The Court of Appeal reserved judgement yesterday on whether an unemployed father is entitled to have his children's taxi fares paid for by the Department of Health and Social Security when they visit him.

Mr John Vaughan, who lives in Liverpool, is banned from seeing his estranged wife with whom the children live during the week, has claimed that he should not have to pay £8 a week out of supplementary benefit.

# Policemen sent for trial

A police sergeant and four constables accused over the alleged "Holloway transit van" attack in August 1983, were committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court by Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Charges against Police Sergeant Colin Edwards, aged 33, of West Hampstead station, of assaulting four boys, causing actual bodily harm and assaulting a fifth boy were dismissed owing to insufficient evidence.

# Wedding gift for charity

When Rosemary Carson and Peter Holm marry today there will be no presents from relatives and friends - but there will be a lot of happiness for abused children.

They were so shocked by a recent case of child abuse that instead of sending out a wedding present list they asked guests to donate to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. They have raised £245.

# Banned pupil 'top of class'

Sarah Hearn, aged 15, who was banned from Park School, Barnstaple, Devon, nine months ago for leading a pupil protest, has come top of the class.

She has passed the first part of her final examination in her City and Guilds Community Care course with four distinctions.

# Magazines promoting weapons may face ban

The Government is prepared to consider banning so-called "survivalist" magazines to which encourage people to arm themselves with weapons such as crossbows, a Home Office minister said yesterday.

The move would depend on the police advising that it would help prevent crime.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, said:

In a letter to Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth, Drake, Mr Shaw said that inquiries were already under way into firms supplying the magazines and equipment.

"We have previously considered the suggestion that the availability of material of this type facilitates violence or terrorist crime and that there should be additional powers to ban it."

"However, the view of the police is that such manuals are not likely to be used by other involved in terrorism or other crime, and they have advised that such similar publications could easily be imported.

# Building guarantee is curbing the cowboys

The threat posed by cowboy builders, who are often guilty of shoddy workmanship or failing to do agreed work, is being combated by guarantee schemes against loss and increased publicity about their activities, according to the Building Employers' Confederation (Our Property Correspondent writes).

The confederation said yesterday that more than 2,000 contracts worth nearly £11 million have been registered under its own guarantee scheme.

The figures coincide with those in the recent annual report of the Director General of Fair Trading, which showed that, for the first time in recent years, the number of consumer complaints about shoddy building work fell, during the year ending September 1985, by more than 10 per cent.

The reports suggested that financial institutions lending money for house improvement work had a duty to ensure that it was done by adequate and responsible builders.

# Pet ferret's death costs farmer £467

Dennis Tindale, aged 49, a farmer, has been ordered at Lincoln Crown Court to pay a fine, costs and compensation totalling £467 after an incident in which he ran over a pet ferret.

Tindale, of Village Farm, High Street, Marton, near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, was said to have been chasing two rabbit hunters with his tractor.

He was ordered to pay Barry Laverick and his brother Raymond Laverick £143 compensation for the ferret's death and a fine of £50 and to pay £274 costs.

Tindale was appealing against a conviction at Gainsborough Magistrates' Court in May. He denied chasing the

# Late show presenter weds early

Noel Edmonds, aged 37, presenter of the BBC's *Late, Late Breakfast Show*, and his bride, Miss Helen Soby, aged 24, after their marriage in Scotland yesterday.

He had earlier said that he would marry on July 23, the same day as Prince Andrew's wedding to Miss Sarah Ferguson.

Then it was suggested he had already married Miss Soby last month in the United States and that the previous report was a smokescreen.

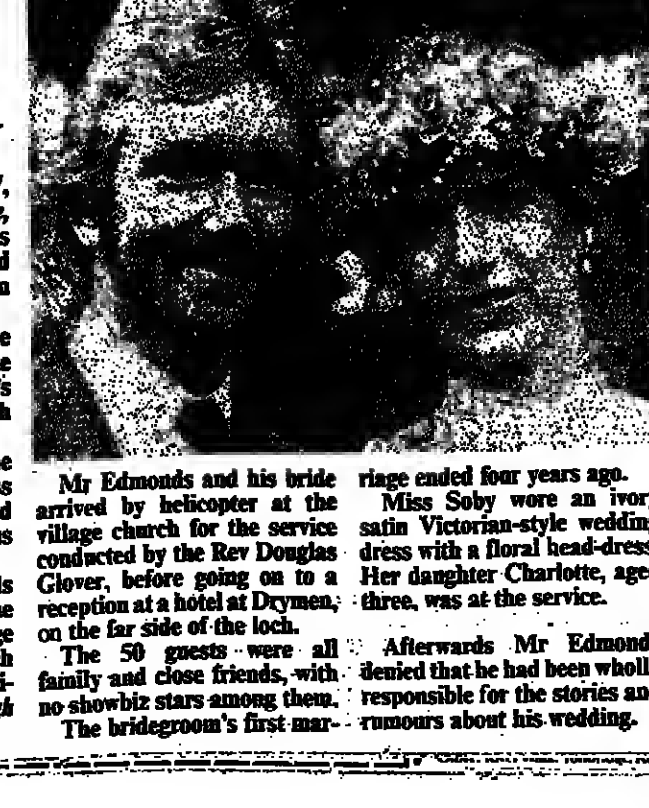
But yesterday Mr Edmonds and his bride finally tied the knot in the picturesque village of Luss, on the banks of Loch Lomond, setting for the television soap opera, *Take the High Road*.

Mr Edmonds and his bride arrived by helicopter at the village church for the service conducted by Rev Douglas Glover, before going on to a reception at a hotel at Drymen, on the far side of the loch.

The 50 guests were all family and close friends, with no showbiz stars among them. The bridegroom's first marriage ended four years ago.

Miss Soby wore an ivory satin Victorian-style wedding dress with a floral head-dress. Her daughter Charlotte, aged three, was at the service.

Afterwards Mr Edmonds denied that he had been wholly responsible for the stories and rumours about his wedding.



# Scrabble wins battle of words

A High Court judge has had the last word in the battle over the board game Scrabble.

He has ordered Thomas Finlay, a word game enthusiast, to stick to the letter of the law in his incorporating Scrabble in his Wordmasters Tournament.

Mr Justice Schiemann ordered the retired businessman to keep to an agreement he signed last year with J W Spear & Son, manufacturers of Scrabble.

The judge granted injunctions to Spears banning Mr Finlay from promoting Scrabble games on a commercial basis, and from writing or talking publicly about the game.

A Spears spokesman said yesterday: "This order effectively keeps him out of Scrabble. But it must be stressed it does not affect his involvement in any other word games."

Mr Finlay said: "I am disappointed at the outcome. I shall continue promoting word games but in the light of the order, not Scrabble."

# Test-tube babies First frozen-egg births

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The birth of the world's first two babies from frozen eggs, announced by doctors in Australia yesterday, may lead to many of the controversial ethical problems of test-tube fertilization being resolved.

The birth of the twins to a woman aged 29 in Adelaide could mean that the storage of human embryos will eventually no longer be necessary.

The new technique offers an alternative to embryo freezing, a process which poses complex dilemmas for doctors, researchers and infertile couples.

The twins, a boy and a girl, were born after three of the woman's eggs were frozen to minus 196 degrees centigrade, thawed, then fertilized with her husband's sperm in the laboratory and implanted in her womb.

Two of the fertilized eggs survived and the pregnancy progressed normally.

Dr Christopher Chen, who pioneered the technique at the Flinders Medical Centre, said yesterday that the parents, a professional couple who did not want to be identified, were "delighted" and the twins were "doing well" after a Caesarean delivery.

The mother had damaged fallopian tubes and had been trying unsuccessfully for seven years to conceive.

"This technique is expected to overcome many of the complex ethical, social, legal, moral and religious problems which are associated with embryo freezing," Dr Chen said.

"There has always been pressure from groups who object to the use of human embryos, but until now there has been no way to relieve that pressure. I think it is a matter of respect for human life."

A spokesman for the centre said that because the eggs were not fertilized before freezing, they were not life, but ordinary human cells.

Dr Robert Edwards, scientific director of the Bourn Hall clinic in Cambridgeshire, and one of the pioneers of test-tube baby techniques, said yesterday: "This progress is very encouraging and will help solve some of the ethical problems. It is certain to be followed by clinics in other countries."

"We are working now on freezing very early fertilized eggs to try to avoid some of the dilemmas about embryos. But to me the ethical advantage of freezing eggs rather than embryos would be outweighed by finding the best means of achieving a successful pregnancy for the mother."

The first baby to be born from a frozen embryo was Zoe Leyland in Melbourne in April 1984. That process was controversial because a percentage of the fertilized eggs, seen by opponents of the technique as constituting life, died in the freezing process.

Present methods of in-vitro fertilization involve the risk of a surplus production of eggs and embryos, which if all are implanted increases the chances of a multiple pregnancy.

To avoid the risk to mother and babies, specialists who have been replacing only a few of the embryos to achieve pregnancy have been faced with the dilemma of what to do with the remaining "spare" embryos.

# Winning roses mates festival

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# Penang court told drug pair's death warrants already signed

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Time is running out for the two condemned Australian drug-traffickers, Brian Geoffrey Chambers and Kevin John Barlow, who was born in Britain.

In an unexpected development yesterday, Tan Sri Abu Talib Osman, the Malaysian Attorney-General, told a stunned High Court sitting in Penang that the order to execute the pair had been issued and the courts had no more say in the matter.

Informed sources here said last night that the two men could be hanged as early as Monday morning.

But prison officials at Pudu jail, where they are being held on the death row, refused to confirm this, and would only say that they had not been hanged yet.

Mrs Barbara Barlow, Kevin Barlow's mother, told *The Times* last night that she was disappointed and very upset by the news. There was no comment from Mrs Sue Chambers, the mother of Geoffrey Chambers.

Barlow and Chambers were arrested for drug-trafficking in 1983, with 179 grammes (6.3 oz) of heroin found on them, and were sentenced to death in July, 1985. The Supreme Court confirmed their death sentences in December. The Pardons Board rejected their clemency petitions two weeks ago.

## Plea to King

Lord Gifford, QC, sponsor of the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, sent a telegram to the King of Malaysia yesterday saying: "In the name of humanity and justice I urge you to stay execution of Barlow and Chambers pending current judicial proceedings."

The Penang hearing, to stay the execution pending further legal moves, had been put off until yesterday after Mr Shaari Yusoff, the Penang state legal adviser, had assured the court last week that the warrant of execution would not be issued, meanwhile.

Yesterday, Tan Sri Abu Talib said Mr Shaari had no authority to say what he did. Lawyers for Barlow and Chambers noticed something was not right when the judge assigned to the case, Mr Justice Edgar Joseph, stayed in his chambers, and Mr Justice Peh Swee Chin came from Ipoh, 150 miles to the south, to preside. He has now postponed the hearing until July 14, but lawyers believe the case is becoming rather academic.

Mr Subash Chandran, counsel for Chambers, said yesterday: "It is scandalous to execute the two men when proceedings are under way.

We are asking the Governor to stop the executions in the name of humanity."

But Tan Sri Abu Talib said: "The court has decided it has no jurisdiction over a stay of execution. It is not that the Pardons Board has not considered all aspects of the case as alleged by the lawyers. We have considered everything."

The last avenue open to the two men is an appeal to Tun Awang Hassan, the Governor of Penang. This morning, their lawyers will call at his residence, hoping they would be received and their request for a stay of execution allowed.

"It is their last hope," one lawyer said, "but they are clutching at straws."

If Barlow and Chambers are executed, they will be the first whites to be hanged in Malaysia since the Second World War. In the intervening years, 35 men and one woman have been sent to the gallows for drug offences under Malaysia's tough anti-drug laws. Another 72 have been sentenced to death but are awaiting the outcome of their appeals.

On Thursday, a labourer, aged 54, was sentenced to death after having been found in possession of more than 3 kilograms (6.5 lbs) of opium. A man, aged 71, who was arrested with him was acquitted for lack of evidence.



Military police firing to disperse anti-government protesters in Santiago during the strike.

# Seven die in Chilean general strike

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Seven people are dead, 50 have bullet wounds and at least 600 are under arrest as a result of the two-day general strike in Chile this week.

Unequal confrontations between stone-throwing youths and combat troops went on late into the night on Thursday, the last day of the strike, accompanied by frequent bomb blasts and volleys of machine-gun fire.

Details of the unrest became extremely difficult to obtain on Wednesday after the Government banned the news broadcasts of four popular Santiago radio stations.

The archbishop of Santiago, which is responsible for two of the radio stations, condemned the military Government's action and called on the armed forces, "whose mission should be to defend citizens' rights, to abstain from actions which will increase the spiral of violence in the country."

The Government has filed charges against a journalist of the opposition magazine *Carcer* for a recent report on the illegal revolutionary left movement.

The director, columnist and journalist of *Andisic* magazine also faces serious charges for allegedly main-

taining "a constant criminal line of conduct in both editorial and opinion pieces".

In the past two days troops and police have virtually invaded many of the poor areas surrounding Santiago. At least four people have died in shooting incidents.

By Thursday evening, the 22-member directorate of the National Assembly of Civil Society, which called the strike, had been replaced by a 10-member council headed by the president of the teachers' confederation, Señor Osvaldo Verdugo. The original directorate has been charged with violating security laws.

# Fears of ballot-rigging Mexico rulers face fair-vote challenge

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Mexico's ruling party faces this weekend what many believe to be its toughest electoral challenge yet, with church leaders joining opposition parties in calling for widespread protests should government officials resort to vote-rigging, a not uncommon practice.

Elections for governor take place tomorrow in the states of Chihuahua, Durango, Michoacán and Zacatecas. In Chihuahua there will also be polling for the national Congress and for mayors.

It is in Chihuahua, up on the US border, that it is widely felt the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) is most likely to have to fix the vote if it is to preserve its record of having won every state and presidential election in the past 57 years.

Chihuahua, the biggest Mexican state, is the size of Spain, but has a population of only three million. Chihuahuans, belying the canine association, are a tall, sturdy people, cowboy stock from which sprang Pancho Villa, leader of Mexico's 1910 revolution.

Conscious of a tradition to uphold, Chihuahua is a stronghold of the country's main opposition party, National Action (PAN). A business-based party of the right, it believes the PRI will use widespread fraud to try to deny it an historic victory.

The main party of the left, the Unified Mexican Socialist Party (PSUM), appears to share that belief. "Everything is already cooked up to consummate a monumental fraud, an unprecedented swindle," Señor Antonio Becerra, the PSUM candidate for the governorship, said.

of Chihuahua, has publicly condemned as a "sin" what he also sees to be the impending fraud, a prediction based essentially on the PRI's total control of the state electoral apparatus.

"We are with the people against electoral fraud because we consider it to be unjust, because it violates human rights, because it is a mockery of the people and because it takes away the legitimacy of the Government."

Church leaders have joined unions and opposition parties in calling for the setting up of human road-blocks all over the state — the aim being to paralyse Chihuahua — should the vote be fixed.

It is feared that post-electoral violence will be worst in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua's biggest town. Troops arrived this week to help police to prevent rioting.

More than a hundred foreign reporters, mostly Americans, have also arrived in Ciudad Juárez, much to the indignation of PRI officials, who see them as an encouragement to the PAN both to cry fraud and provoke anti-government violence.

Despite well-documented evidence of massive fraud in state elections last year, the PRI scoffs at predictions that it will be resorting to such methods this time.

The PRI dismisses the PAN as a serious rival, saying it is a party without a plan of government.

The PAN candidate for governor, Señor Francisco Barrón, survived a plane crash three weeks ago and says: "The same divine providence which intervened on his behalf then will see to it he wins tomorrow."

# Envoy invites dissident as Seoul protests

Seoul (Reuters) — The American Ambassador to South Korea met the dissident leader Mr. Kim Dae-jung yesterday for the first time since President Chun Doo Hwan came to power in 1980.

Aide to the Ambassador, Mr. Richard Walker, said Mr. Kim attended an Independence Day reception at Mr. Walker's residence.

The Government has protested to the embassy over Mr. Kim's invitation, government sources said.

Before attending the reception, Mr. Kim urged Washington to support "the democratic movement in Korea in order to restore friendly relations".

# Hu criticizes Mao and praises party debate

From A Correspondent, Peking

In a speech that appeared on the front pages of China's most influential newspapers this week, the Communist Party secretary, Mr. Hu Yaobang, criticized Mao Tse-tung's "reluctance to accept views differing from his own" and reiterated Mr. Deng Xiaoping's view that dissent is healthy.

Mr. Hu said that although the 1930s marked "the peak of Mao's theoretical work to develop Marxism", by the 1950s he had become too rigid in his thinking.

Mr. Hu also criticized "some comrades in the party, especially young comrades," who "feared contradictions and

were not forthright enough in putting forward their views".

The party had learned from the past mistake of automatically branding those with differing views as promoting "right deviations" or "following a capitalist road".

Those who did not favour the principles and policies adopted by the Central Committee but who strived to abide by them were "free to hold their reservations".

But Mr. Hu warned cadres who resisted party policies or who "tried to promote ideas and policies antagonistic to those of the Central Committee" that they would face disciplinary action.

# 26 drown in Bangladesh ferry sinking

Dhaka — Twenty-six people were drowned when a monsoon storm capsized a boat in the River Jamuna in central Bangladesh, the Bengali-language daily *Dainik Bangla* reported yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The boat was ferrying passengers between the northern river port of Sirajganj to Tangail, five miles away. About 14 people survived.

# The backlash from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster Chinese plant site worries Hong Kong

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Public figures, environmentalists and newspapers here are creating a near-hysterical wave of opposition to the construction of a nuclear power plant at Daya Bay in China, about 30 miles from Hong Kong's borders.

The groundswell of opposition — being fuelled by Miss Maria Tam, a well-known legislator, the influential *South China Morning Post*, several mass-circulation Chinese language newspapers and numerous prominent educators and scientists — has been greatly intensified by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

One argument being made against the Daya Bay plant is that Hong Kong's population is so dense that any accident could cause radiation sickness in huge numbers, and there would be no feasible way of evacuating the near six million residents of the city.

Some critics of the project have suggested that the plant be fuelled by coal or oil, especially in view of the recent collapse of the world oil price.

But Sir Jack Cater, a former official of the Hong Kong Government who is now on the board of the Hong Kong company, which in a joint venture with China, is building the plant, said yesterday he believed the project would go ahead as planned.

The scheme involves two French nuclear reactors and turbine generators made by Britain's General Electric

Company. Most of the power produced would be sold to the Hong Kong firm of China Light and Power.

Local representatives of the People's Republic of China have indicated that Peking will not back down from its plans to build the plant. They have expressed indignation at what they regard as a political smear campaign to make trouble in advance of the reversion

of Hong Kong to full Chinese rule in 1997.

"Safety adequate": A British nuclear expert said yesterday that safety measures at the proposed Daya Bay nuclear power plant were adequate (Reuters reports).

Mr. Peter Littlewood, the planning and contracts manager for the plant, said there had been no radioactive leaks from similar reactors installed

at 14 other plants around the world.

Mr. Littlewood told a legislative panel examining the plant's safety that no one would have to be evacuated outside a six-mile zone around the plant in the event of an accident. He admitted under questioning, however, that there was no contingency plan to evacuate Hong Kong's 5.4 million people.

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# Apartheid

# Lord Barber says Mandela would have sought to end violence

## SOUTH AFRICA

If the negotiating concept devised by the Eminent Persons Group had been implemented and Nelson Mandela released, his would have been a powerful voice for calm throughout South Africa, Lord Barber, a member of the EPG, said during a debate in the House of Lords.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said when she opened the debate that the British Government saw violence in South Africa as a symptom, not a cause, of that country's deep malaise and believed Pretoria was sadly mistaken if it thought it could deal with the problems by force. But gloomy as the outlook is (she said) it would be wrong to paint a picture devoid of any light or shade.

The situation in South Africa had evolved over the past two years.

President Botha had admitted that apartheid had outlived its usefulness. Reforms had been introduced that would have been unthinkable even a few years ago.

However, the pace of reform was painfully slow, with too little being done too late and too grudgingly.

Therefore, the South African Government had not had credit from black people or the international community. The focus was upon the distance still to be travelled, rather than upon the progress that had been made.

When the Foreign Secretary (Sir Geoffrey Howe) started his trip to South Africa, he would not issue an ultimatum, nor make threats. He would impress upon the people he would meet that — as seen from Europe — South Africa could no longer delay the international dialogue that was being urged upon them.

The forces that will change South Africa are primarily internal, not external (she said). It will be difficult and it will take time.

We must reinforce the positive forces for change, such as strengthening the hand of liberal whites and the business community and signalling to black people that there is an opening under such conditions.

We do not see what would be gained (she said) by undermining the economy of the whole southern African region and encouraging the South African Government to retreat to the laager and fight to the bitter end for what could be many years.

As long as there is hope of a peaceful solution, we must keep trying to work towards it and leave the South African Government in no doubt of the need to grasp their opportunity before it is too late.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said all parties in the House were fundamentally opposed to apartheid and wished to end it quickly. They differed on the measures to be taken to deal with this great evil.

The Foreign Secretary (he went on) is an old friend of mine and I wish him well in his mission, but it requires a quite remarkable imagination to believe that Mr Botha and his friends are prepared to contemplate proposals that would come anywhere near international acceptance. I hope I shall be

formulated a possible negotiating concept, one requirement being the release of Nelson Mandela. While it became clear the South African Government would like to release him, it was impossible to find a formula acceptable to that Government and to Nelson Mandela, one reason being that they could not logically release Mandela without also releasing other political prisoners in the same category.

The negotiating concept was left with the South African Government for two months and they neither accepted nor rejected it. At the second meeting with Mandela, he read it carefully and his answer was that while he could not speak for the African National Congress, as far as he personally was concerned he would accept the concept as a starting point.

"I have no doubt (he added) from what he went on to say that if the concept had been implemented his would have been a powerful voice for calm throughout South Africa. I am convinced, and I weigh my words carefully, that he would have used all his efforts to bring an end to violence if that concept had been accepted."

When the group returned to Cape Town for its most important meeting so far with ministers on the constitutional committee, they began to get reports of the raids on the three neighbouring countries. I cannot understand (he said) why the South African Government could not have aborted the raids. It was not conducive to good will.

Lord St. John of Bletso (Ind) a white South African who had lived in that country all his life, said he wanted to see a non-racial South African democracy.

He did not represent any political party or other interests. The choice in South Africa was between danger and disaster.

Negotiations were necessary with a wide spectrum of peoples, including the African National Congress and political prisoners. He hoped sanity would prevail upon the South African Government to release him.

The EPG had made tremendous progress in laying the foundations for future negotiations.

Economic sanctions would be totally counter-productive. Their immediate effect would be massive unemployment of black people and mass hunger.

If every black person downed tools and stayed at home for two weeks, they could bring the means of production in South Africa to a standstill.

Would not that be a more effective measure than sanctions (he asked)?

Lord Stewart of Fallowham (Lab), a former Foreign Secretary, said the Prime Minister had managed somehow, whether he intended to do it or not, to give the impression that she did not like taking measures against apartheid. She had made it clear that if the Foreign Secretary returned empty-handed there was still no kind of obligation on this country, in his view, to take any measures at all.

This seemed to be a series of signals to the South African Government saying "You need not worry too much; you have friends on the other side of the Mediterranean. We shall see to it that you do not come to any serious harm". That was exactly the wrong message to send to the South African Government at the present time. He viewed the whole situation with profound pessimism.

Lord Soames (C) who was Britain's last governor in Rhodesia, said sanctions had never worked.

It was not possible to superimpose upon a tribal system and custom the democratic form of Government known in this country.

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council, said he expressed a system that denied most basic rights to the majority of its people because of the colour of their skins.

It was always easier to define what they did not want than to decide how to eliminate it. There were deep differences over means. The Government deeply regretted that the hopes the EPG had generated were not fulfilled. Sir Geoffrey Howe faced an extremely difficult task but one for which he was well fitted. They would all wish him well in his endeavours.

# Anti-smoking campaign

The Government is to mount a publicity campaign to deter under 16 year-olds from smoking. Mr Allan Stewart, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, indicated this in the Commons when a Lords amendment to the Protection of Children (Tobacco) Bill was agreed to.

The Incest and Related Offences (Scotland) Bill passed its remaining stages. The Co-ownership of Flats Bill was read a second time.

# Riot police quell rally in Manila

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Riot police in Manila fired into the air and used tear gas and smoke bombs to disperse 5,000 left-wing demonstrators who denounced the Philippines' "sham" independence from the United States 40 years ago. More than 20 people were injured.

The protesters, armed with a rally permit, had marched to the US Embassy chanting "Yankee Go Home". They were dispersed moments after an explosion rang out from behind their ranks.

Small home-made bombs — bottles or containers packed with gunpowder, nails and glass — exploded, leaving at least nine policemen with shrapnel wounds.

It was the first clash between police and left-wing students and workers since President Aquino took power in February.

Most of the protesters were Aquino supporters who recently formed an alliance of 60 organizations to demand that two large American military bases be dismantled.

About 2,000 of the protesters later marched back to the heavily guarded embassy complex, where they were allowed to continue their protest until dusk.

# The Japanese election Fringe strives to woo voters

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japanese voters can choose between the Salaried Workers' Party, the Tax Party or the Welfare Party when they go to the polls for the upper and lower houses of the Diet next weekend.

All parties are offering candidates for the upper house, the House of Councillors, where half of the 252 seats will be contested. 76 from constituencies across the country and 50 on a proportional representation basis. Voting for the lower house, the House of Representatives, also takes place on July 6.

Originally the intent was that the upper, non-executive house, be composed of learned and experienced persons. In modern elections the parties go for popular screen personalities, actresses or scriptwriters rather than professionals or academics.

The smaller fringe parties were spawned at the last election in 1983, when the proportional representation system was introduced in the upper house. Last time out the "salariedmen" got a respectable 1.99 million votes and put two members into the house.

Perhaps the best known is the Niin Club — literally the Second-House Club — which was previously led by a veteran suffragette, the late Miss Fusae Ichikawa, who topped the national constituency in 1980 with 2.7 million votes.

## Poll details

Number of voters: 86,677,716 (2,425,186 more than in 1983). Total constituencies: House of Councillors: 47 and a single national constituency for proportional representation. House of Representatives: 130.

Total seats being contested: House of Councillors 126 (76 being contested in the constituencies and 50 under proportional representation). Number of candidates for 512 lower house seats: 837. For 126 upper house seats: 506.

The executive House of Representatives has 512 seats being contested, one more than at the last election since a redistribution of seats to try and even out the disparity of representation between rural and urban areas.

Rural areas, from which the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) draws its principal support, have been over-represented in the Diet since the war, largely because of the shift of population from the country to the cities.

By last September it was calculated that a single rural vote was worth 4.64 urban votes and a re-apportionment of seats was made to counteract this effect when eight new urban seats were added and the number of rural seats was reduced by seven to bring a net gain of one.

Three boundary changes were made at the same time. There are normally between

three and five seats in each electoral district, the number being adjusted every five years.

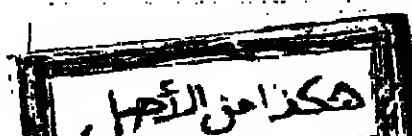
A record 82 women candidates are running for the upper house, though the number of women candidates running across the country at general elections has tended to decline from the number who contested the first post-war election.

Mrs Kiyoko Ono and Miss Chinatsu Nakayama are the two best-known women candidates for the upper house in Tokyo, where 50 candidates are competing for four seats. Mrs Ono is a former Olympic gymnast and mother of five and Miss Nakayama is a former actress and writer.

There are 35 women candidates running for the lower house. Of that, no fewer than 22 are from the Communist Party and none from the LDP.

In the House of Representatives election, the LDP is running 322 candidates, the Socialist Party 138, the Komito (Clean Government Party) 61, the Democratic Socialist Party 36 and the Communist Party 129.

In the House of Councillors the LDP is running 83 candidates, the Socialist Party 58, the Communist Party 27, the Communist Party 71, the Salaried Workers' Party, the New Liberal Club 10, the Tax Party 10, the Niin Club 10 and other minor parties 187.





# Reagan takes salute in day of pageantry for Statue of Liberty

From Michael Binyon, New York

An exuberant President Reagan, flanked by President Mitterrand of France, took the salute yesterday from the stadium where he had electronically unveiled the Statue of Liberty, as the international parade of tall ships majestically sailed up New York harbour.

With cadets ceremoniously manning the yard-arm, 22 magnificent vessels paid their tribute to America's Independence Day to the 151-foot copper-green statue, refurbished at a cost of more than \$265 million (£171 million) for its centenary.

With sails unfurled in the still air, schooners, barques, brigantines and ketches from all over the world, not seen in New York since the 1976 bicentennial celebrations, were the historic focus of the parade.

Up to 40,000 vessels of all description, from a two-man kayak to the USS Kennedy, the colossal aircraft carrier just back with its 5,000-man crew from the confrontation with Libya in the Mediterranean, were choreographed in a day-long televised spectacle of patriotism and pageantry.

Horns blared, bands played, crowds cheered and fire-boats sent their traditional plumes of water high into the sky as the Eagle, the US Coast Guard training ship, originally built in Germany in 1936, led the parade past Governors Island.

President and Mrs Reagan, and President and Mme Mitterrand were among the 4,000 guests, who included Mayor Ed Koch and Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, Mr Lee Iacocca, chairman of the Statue of Liberty restoration fund, and a generous sprinkling of celebrities and showbiz personalities.

As the wind swelled their sails, so pride swelled their hearts at all that Liberty's sons and daughters have accomplished in this land of the free," President Reagan said.

Mr Reagan, enjoying himself hugely amid the celebration of his two loves, patriotism and the US armed forces, had earlier taken the salute aboard USS Iowa of warships from today's more modern fleets. Sailors doffed their caps and gunfire echoed round the 750-mile coastline of New York harbour as the ships fired their 21-gun salutes.

The Iowa, the most powerful US warship of the Second World War which took Roosevelt to the Tehran conference, did not fire its 16-inch guns for fear of shattering all the windows in Manhattan.

Airforce jets from France and the US flew past overhead, streaming red, white and blue smoke. Harrier jets left the deck of the Ark Royal, moored also in the harbour, to give Britain's salute.

Awed crowds watched on land. Dominating everything, Miss Liberty held her newly kindled torch aloft at the centre of the harbour. Never has an American lady been so honoured. She was unveiled on Thursday evening when President Reagan sent a laser beam a mile across the harbour, turning on coloured lights that gradually bathed Auguste Bartholdi's famous creation in searing light.

Calling it "this mother of exiles, this vision of all we are and wish to be," Mr Reagan paid tribute to America's immigrant forebears, and was warmly effusive on the special relations with France. President Mitterrand spoke of the

symbols the two countries shared, "the history we wrote together" and links from the Revolutionary wars to the American landings in Normandy.

He looked on with Gallic impassiveness at the extraordinary Hollywood song and dance spectacle with its eclectic cast of Frank Sinatra, Gregory Peck, Shirley MacLaine and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Across the water on Ellis Island, Robert de Niro and his son introduced Chief Justice Warren Burger, who

hammed up a nationally televised swearing-in ceremony of 25,000 new citizens who took their oath of allegiance from the football stadium in Miami to the shores of the Pacific.

Miss Liberty, open to the public today, was a sorry sight in 1983 with a broken nose, cracked right eye, swollen lips and stains on her gown. Extensively strengthened and changed internally, she looks almost the same now as she did in October (not July) 1886 when she was first unveiled, and some 334,203 immigrants

arrived in America. The television broadcast, which lasted all day, was one of the most extensive and technically complicated mounted by ABC. It included interviews by Ron Reagan Junior on board a millionaire's yacht, scenes below deck of the sailing ship and aerial views of a sky filled with blimps and helicopters of America's largest metropolitan area celebrating a birthday party that had become a extravaganza of sentimental indulgence.

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From Robert Fisk Beirut

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# Torture victim awarded damages

Harare (Reuters) - A Zimbabwean opposition parliamentarian was awarded 30,000 Zimbabwe dollars (£11,000) in damages yesterday for illegal arrest and torture by security agents.

Mr Kembo Mohadi, a member of the Zapu (PF) party, told the High Court that he was trampled on the stomach and had his head rammed into a canvas bag full of water while in detention from September 17 to December 20 last year.

Judge Mavis Gibson ordered the Home Affairs Minister, Mr Enos Nkomo, to pay 15,000 dollars and awarded Mr Mohadi an equal amount from two intelligence agents who assaulted him.

# Extremists shot dead

Delhi (Reuters) - Police yesterday intercepted and killed two members of a Sikh extremist gang that ranged through Punjab shooting dead six people and injuring two children, apparently at random, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The shoot-out came during 24 hours of violence in the north Indian state in which 13 people were killed in disturbances sparked by extremists.

# Berlin escape story scored

Bonn - The West German Government, after examining the evidence, has decided it does not believe that a bloody escape attempt took place in the East Berlin underground railway on May 7 (Frank Johnson writes).

Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, the minister in charge of the Chancellery in Bonn, yesterday said in a newspaper interview that the report had "presumably" been the work of a "professional disinformation spreader".

# Bomb charges

Madrid (Reuters) - A Palestinian and a Spaniard were remanded without bail yesterday by a Madrid court charged with a suitcase bomb attack which injured 13 people last week at Madrid's Barajas airport, court officials said.

# Promotion

Peking (Reuters) - The Chinese Army will allow no-commissioned officer ranks for the first time as part of its reform programme, the New China News Agency said yesterday.

# Dropped brick

Jakarta (Reuters) - A man in East Java was fined 4,000 bricks for committing adultery with his neighbour's wife, the English-language daily Jakarta Post said.

# Baby buried

Dhaka (Reuters) - A newborn boy was found alive in the northern Tangail district, 24 hours after being buried to save his unmarried teenage mother from the penalties for illegal sex, Bangladesh police said yesterday.

# Misdialled

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) - The Telecommunications Minister, Datuk Leo Moggie, tried to call Malaysia's millionth telephone subscriber yesterday - and got a wrong number.

# Rude priest

Perth (Reuters) - Father Edward Patrick Hewitt, aged 40, a Roman Catholic priest, found guilty of indecent exposure while wearing a tiger-patterned G-string, was put on a six-month good behaviour bond yesterday.

# Swansong

Peking (AP) - Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti gave a triumphant final performance at the end of his first tour of China yesterday before 10,000 people at the Great Hall of the People.

# Campus theft

Stuttgart (Reuters) - A container of dangerous radioactive material produced for research has been stolen from the physics department of Stuttgart University, West German police said.

# Hair raising

Vienna (AP) - Günther Maier's refusal to get a haircut got him out of the Army but into jail. He was convicted of "disobedience" and jailed for two months, the Austria Press Agency reported.

# Killer floods

Katmandu (AP) - Flash floods have killed 32 people in a village north-west of Katmandu in the past four days, an official said.

# Drug sentence

Haarlem (AP) - A Dutch court has jailed a Singaporean for five years for trying to smuggle more than 8lb of heroin into The Netherlands.

# Ballot-rigging rulers face challenge

Mexico City

of Chihuahua, has been condemned as a "sinister fraud, a prediction of the control of the state apparatus."

"We are with the people against electoral fraud because we consider it to be a violation of the rights of the people and because it is a violation of the law," said the PAN candidate for governor, Senor Francisco "Pancho" Barra, who said he would not accept the results of the election if they were rigged.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Hundred hungry

It is not only Dennis Amis and his Warwickshire supporters who are disappointed by his 5 and 46 in the match against Notts at Trent Bridge...

Horseplay

It used not to be thought nice for women to be competitive. But in America, where the jockey is competitive, the jockey is competitive...

Hobbs unhosed

Meanwhile, Anne White, surely the Mrs Shilling of women's tennis, was prevented from wearing another of her eccentric outfits at Wimbledon...

Taking sides

Most people faced with the problem of dividing 16 teams into two groups would, after knitting their brows a while, come up with two groups of eight...

Winning whiff

There's an occasional TV ad showing a jockey going to the start, and then finding Bothamesesoplace in a cigar...

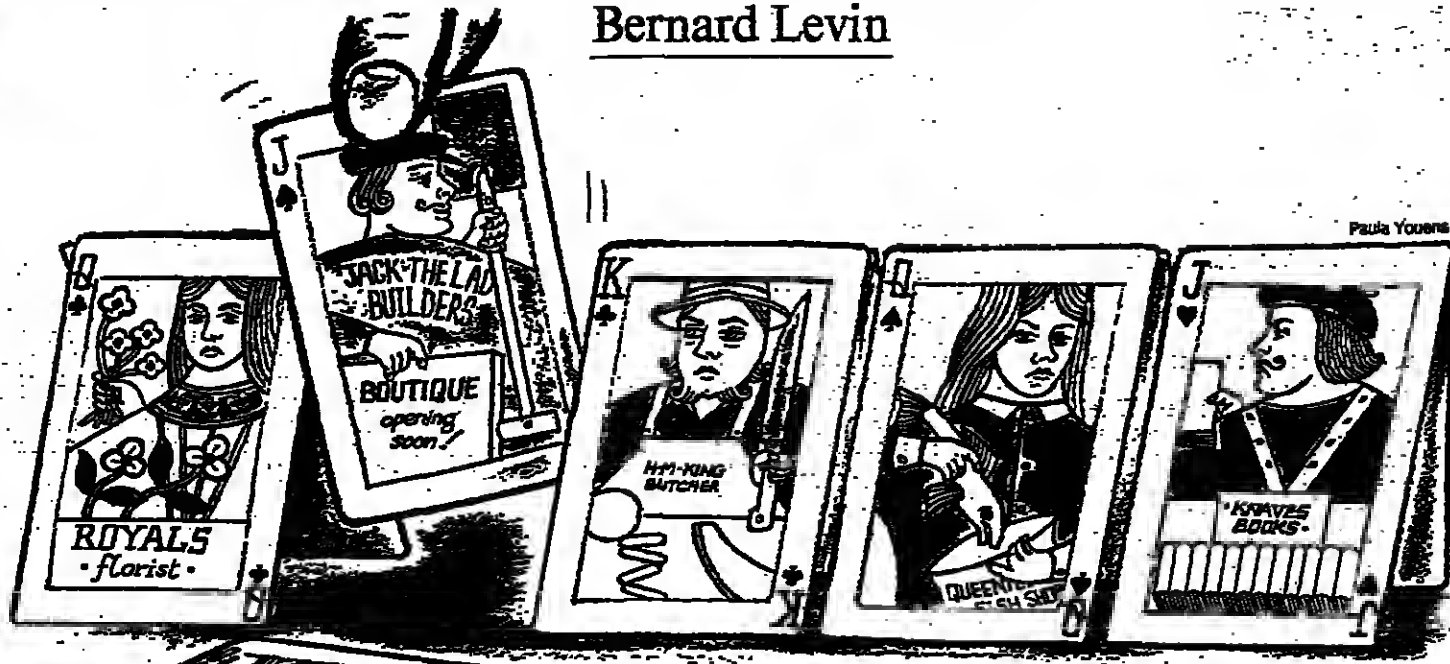
Reticent

Like thieves in the night they came, and like thieves they left. The United States - swimming team lifted into England this week on their way to the Goodwill Games...

BARRY FANTONI



With this dry spell, there's probably more left



Bernard Levin

Come stroll with me along my patch

Marylebone High Street, which has been my village green these many years, and for most of them a definition of unchanging permanence...

This cry of anguish has been wrung from me by the abrupt and unsuspected closure of Morris's, which has long been the best fruiterer and greengrocer in the borough...

That was the second fruit-and-vegetable emporium in the High Street to bite the dust; Russell's, which in excellence was second only to Morris's, folded up a year or so earlier...

The Pasta Place to disappear equally quickly, but although they do sell pasta, they also sell a wide range of other things...

The best - and again, the friendliest - general food store, Leon's, left me some years ago; it was really a miniature supermarket...

Deserved though the tributes and barbed asides may have been, when Gertrude Bell died in Baghdad at the age of 58, on July 12, 1926...

It was she who in 1913 dashed off for Herbert Samuel a map of Palestine Prima, the biblical region which the Jews claimed as their inheritance...

As Oriental Secretary in the British administration, her task was to reconcile the contradictory promises that had been made in the heat of war...

Known to the Arabs as Al Khatun, "The Lady", from her pre-war travels in the desert lands, she was until her death and for a decade or more after the most famous and respected of all the Britons who had devoted themselves to the exploration and politics of the East...

of having assistants to pack the customers' goods as a checkout girl rings them up, lest it should give the customers the quaint idea that their convenience should be considered by the shop they are favouring with their custom...

We now have a second ladies' hairdressers: very swish and plate-glassed, unlike the old one, which I am happy to say still survives...

There are now four chemists; don't ask me how they all make a living. (Experts among my readers will realize from that item that I am including Thayer Street, and so I am, for I have never regarded it as anything but an extension of the High Street itself...

We used to have a good butcher, in Druce's, but it was killed almost instantly when the best butchery-fishmonger in London arrived, and set up exactly opposite; the new one deserves its success...



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known books, The Desert and the Sown and Amurath to Amurath, had long since commended her to the knowledgeable. Her letters, published posthumously by her mother, were best sellers on both sides of the Atlantic in the 1930s...

Not until the publication of the war adventures of her "beloved boy", Lawrence, whom she first met at Carmelish in 1911 during his "archaeological" period, did her star begin to wane...

old photo-copiers. Immediaprint; it is cheaper than the Rank-Xerox (though not as cheap as that amazing place in Sackville Street, which is not only the cheapest photocopying establishment in London but the fastest and clearest as well)...

We are well supplied with patisseries - three now - but one of them, apart from having been there at least as long as I have, is the king of all London's coffee-shops: Sagne. We have even got a baker again, which we haven't had for many years...

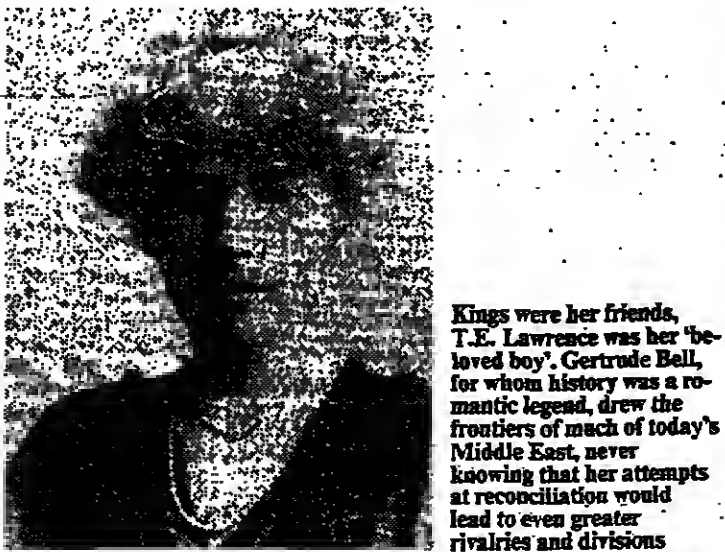
Not everything deteriorates, not even in our sinful world. We have only once had a new-book shop, and that briefly (though it was very good). But one of the newsmagazines has recently opened a basement bookshop...

If we cheat a little, we can count, in Blagden's an outstanding fishmonger, and Taylor's, the only bespoke shoemaker for miles around; it was he who made me the magic laces for the boots I wore on my Hannibal trek...

another lifelong friend and confidant. Her intelligence reports were much appreciated by successive secretaries of state at the India, Foreign and Colonial offices...

H.V.F. Winstone on the stirring life of Gertrude Bell, Arabist extraordinary

Al Khatun the fearless



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of Arabia and its people was her observation, a quality doubtless borne in mind by her lifelong friend, David Hogarth, when he called her to serve in the Arab Bureau in Cairo during the first year of the 1914-18 war...

Her descriptions of Arab chiefs and the events of the tribal territories are unsurpassed. Of King Abdal Aziz, Ibn Abdurrahman - or Ibn Saud as he preferred to be called - founder of modern Saudi Arabia...

round the corner, mind you. (Round another corner is the best picture framer in Europe, the Railings Gallery.) We used to have a very good cobbler right in the middle of the High Street...

An excellent florist, Gainsborough's, a simple trattoria, the Alpino; three building society branches (Woolwich, Leeds Permanent and Abbey National); banks, booties; a ridiculous one-way system; jewellers; a Ryman's (Ryman's in general are getting above themselves; I suspect they must be close to monopoly)...

There are also boutiques. When I embarked on this exercise in nostalgia, I paused to go and count them. If you don't know the place, you will hardly believe it, but there are 19 women's clothes shops...

Best last, The Casson Gallery sells the work of British craftsmen in metal, precious and otherwise; in wood; in pottery; in glass; in stone...

The National Health Service is a rut. That is why those who answer opinion poll questions say they would be willing to pay higher taxes to improve it and the social services...

The Foreign Office assistant who wrote in the 1950s that the world would be safer if Gertrude Bell and Lawrence had not been such persuasive writers may have come closer to the truth than he could have known at the time...

Ten hard-working summers in the great heat of Iraq and a tribal rebellion against the new British-backed regime taxed her physically and robbed her of the will to live. She died from an overdose of sleeping pills soon after welcoming to Baghdad King Faisal, the son of Hussein, hero of the Hejaz, holy land of Islam, for himself...

She held the stage to the end, in a new post as director of anti-aircraft, when Sir Leonard Woolley began the excavation of "Ur of the Chaldees". Even Arab nationalists paid tribute to her dedicated work, though they often saw imperial bias where others saw Arabophilia...

It has been said that her pen was dangerously alluring, particularly in terms of official report writing, a quality which perhaps owed something to her flirtation with journalism in the first decade of the century when she became the eyes and ears of The Times in lands stretching from Suez to the Tigris...

But few were willing to put to the test her implicit belief that in such matters she was the exception that proved the rule.

Caroline Moore

Yearnings that can only divide

The Movement for the Ordination of Women is not as unpleasant as its opponents make out. Only the student minority disrupts church services, views the priesthood as if it were a career in the City...

If the majority in the movement used tactics of bludgeoning and blackmail the opposition would have a case. Behind this guerrilla vanguard, however, there is a non-monstrous regiment of women whose chief weapons are prayer and what they call "silent witness"...

No one should doubt the faith, sincerity and patience of this silent majority - compelled to silence for the Church has no authorized form of language in which to pray for the alteration of its forms of authority...

Vocation has been described by a woman as an "ache" to be a priest; less movingly, many rely upon mere assertion that they "feel" or "know" that they are the instruments to implement God's will...

In its belief that it has the power to see beyond and do away with existing forms of sacraments and restrictive, the movement is allied to those enthusiastic sects of second-century Phrygia or 4th century England...

The Protestant church did not do away with the authority of tradition; it merely elevated the authority of the Scriptures above the authority of the Church, but even when the Bible was considered to be a work of divine revelation, applying unequivocally to all ages...

In practice, every Christian disregards or takes metaphorically certain precepts and examples, and believes in certain doctrines, such as the Trinity, for which Scriptural evidence is slight...

The non-believer will see only the self-perpetuating circularity of this. The progressive will see only its apparent resistance to change, and its apparent denial either of the needs of the private individual (which are labelled enthusiasm) or of the needs of the present (which are labelled secularism)...

It is strange, in an age that is so ready to admit the need for a sense of community and "communal roots" to give relevance and meaning to ordinary lives, that so many should be ready to disregard the notion of the communion Body of the whole "Catholic and Apostolic" Church...

Even those who cannot believe that the well-rehearsed Catholic arguments against the admission of women are any more than a dead letter should not disregard the force of the argument that to ordain women would, as things now stand, divide us yet further from the rest of Christendom...

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The Tory strategy group should look at every field where the government is dominant and shake off the closed thinking on the welfare state of the last 40 years. It should ask itself: supposing all the main services now provided by the taxpayer were to be started from scratch...

Woodrow Wyatt

A blueprint to beat boredom

Governments have little time to think. Ministers' immediate problems fill the waking hours, driving out reflection or chat with one another about the future...

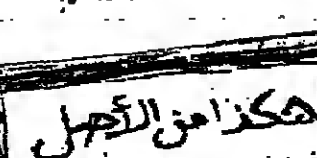
Unemployment in Britain is still running at 13 per cent compared with the French, West German and American figures of 10, 8.6 and 7 per cent respectively...

A dangerous enemy of this government is public boredom. It will have been in office eight or perhaps nine years by the next election. Millions of new voters will have spent their formative years of awareness of the world under its aegis...

It is not sufficient for the Tories to remind us of their achievements, important though these are. Nor are warnings of the havoc if they were undone. There must be something new...

The National Health Service is a rut. That is why those who answer opinion poll questions say they would be willing to pay higher taxes to improve it and the social services, even though they may not really mean it...

That cannot be relied on entirely. As the election approaches, Neil Kinnock, still burdened by Militants and obsessed by scrapping our nuclear deterrent and driving out the Americans...







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COLD WET FEET?

Water privatization was on in March. It was forcefully promised in April. Mr Watts of Thames Water was rarely away from the news in May. Come June the bill embodying the privatization plan was confidently predicted for the autumn. As recently as last week, Ministers were on their feet in the Commons re-stating the timetable.

On Thursday afternoon - not exactly a publicist's procedure - there was a written answer. All the briefing, all the statements, all the ministerial confidence were blown. No explanation was given.

Hours later, Mr Nicholas Ridley was dragged to the House of Commons by Opposition pressure. There, with an aristocratic hauteur that might have served in another age but today appears petulant, Mr Ridley did nothing to answer the string of questions his announcement gave rise to. These were questions, no less about the future of water supply than about the commitment of the Government to its chosen programme and - dark thought - its day-to-day competence.

The water announcement was at best, inept. At worst it was another unwelcome demonstration of the hermetic nature of Cabinet discussions under Mrs Thatcher. Cabinet, apparently, disposes of the water issue on Thursday morning. Who then has the political nous to wonder how the announcement is to be made, so as to reassure tap-turners as well as back-benchers? There seems to be at the very heart of the Cabinet an incapacity to make allowances for public mood.

It could be that water privatization has been postponed for the inglorious but

perfectly legitimate reason that the Prime Minister wants a clear field for an early general election. As a result she wants neither a heavy and important bill mid-way through its passage at the moment an election is to be called, nor damaging party bickering over an issue that is neither urgent nor popular with a large number of voters. So be it.

A cleverer government might have made a virtue of expedience. It might planted the idea that the beaches of Blackpool were a prime concern and that because the government cares deeply for the people's bathing rights, more time needs to be addressed to the delicate question of who controls effluent disposal. By such means the government could have at the least have levered the news of postponement more gently into the public arena.

Of course Blackpool beaches do matter, as does the quality of English and Welsh drinking water (Scottish water is to remain public) when its supply is made a matter of private profit. The way in which environmental protection has been treated in the privatization plan would have demanded the most careful legislative inspection when the bill came to Parliament.

Postponement of privatization must be welcomed to the extent that fresh thought will be given to divorcing the function of water supply and effluent removal from the prosecutorial responsibilities now exercised by the water authorities in safeguarding the environment. The idea that a private firm can or should be entrusted with legal powers of enforcement over other firms has, always been one of the

most suspect elements in the water package.

But none of this is new. The complexities of water regulation and asset title have been apparent for a long time. The Trustee Savings Bank saga should surely have alerted one and all to the vigilance of the courts. They, not unreasonably, dislike anticipation by public bodies of statutory change. Mr Baker must have told his colleagues of potential problems before he was allowed so blithely to commit the government to a legislative timetable.

To lose the timetable for the privatization of British Airways (another announcement by Mr Ridley) was misfortune. To sell the sale of British Leyland was misjudgement. Now water is added to the list of promised privatizations that will not occur in the immediate political future. It starts to look not just that the sale of these assets has been bungled, but that the government, having first over-sold the whole enterprise, gets cold feet as soon as difficulties arise.

Perhaps on water the Government has allowed itself to be bounced by the loquacious Mr Watts, whose original motive was the perfectly proper one of resenting the fiscal regime imposed on his managers by the Treasury. Mr Watts might now politely - he is after all a public servant - be asked to maintain a period of silence. Meanwhile, questions of water management and investment will not go away. Mr Ridley should be put on his guard that important decisions, with long term consequences, should not be deferred because of uncertainty about water's future which he has had a hand in creating.

THE PAST BEHIND US

The calm, bordering on lack of interest, which has greeted the first state visit to Britain by a post-war German President, is perhaps the highest compliment that can be paid to the current climate of Anglo-German relations. It symbolizes that the friction and outright hostility which - have - be-devilled relations between our two countries for much of the past century have been laid to rest; dare one hope, for good.

It was entirely appropriate that the reconciliation should have been sealed by Richard von Weizsacker. When mayor of West Berlin, he distinguished himself as a custodian of the delicate balance between the interests of the Federal Republic of Europe and of the West as a whole - in effect of post-war realities. Moreover, at 66, President von Weizsacker represents a middle generation of Germans: those who were not implicated in the rise of Nazism and the origins of the war, but were nonetheless scarred by it.

This is why the references to Germany's past in President von Weizsacker's address to Parliament this week were so well-chosen. Here was a conclusive demonstration - not the first, but surely the most gracious and dignified -

that the experience of Nazism and the war had been absorbed and so purged by today's West Germans.

That the West German President could accept responsibility in the name of his nation for some of the most terrible chapters of recent history and that he chose to speak of it as a lesson for the future rather than pass over it in silence, deserves respect. That acceptance is the only realistic foundation for the Anglo-German relationship.

Today, our two countries have as much in common as they have ever had. We both have elected governments of a conservative complexion, a commitment to Europe and to a close strategic relationship with the United States. We are in many respects natural partners, not least within Europe.

Here, the expansion of the Community means that Britain and Germany will increasingly find themselves representing the concerns of the north European industrialized countries against those of the agricultural south. In particular, we have a mutual interest in ensuring that the already overgenerous subsidies under the Common Agriculture Policy are not underwritten indefinitely.

Because of their relative wealth within the EEC, Britain and the Federal Republic working in concert also have a potentially strong voice within the Community. It has been a leitmotif of President von Weizsacker's statements this week that this voice should be used to strengthen the position of Europe in its relationship with the United States, and raise the profile of Europe in the world.

This reflects the ideal that the North Atlantic alliance works best when the American and European pillars bear an equal weight of the responsibility. But it also conceals within itself the distant hope of Germans (not only in the West) that the two Germanies might one day be united within the context of a strong and united Europe.

This is an essentially German preoccupation which should not be allowed to detract from the priority of strengthening the integrity of Europe and maintaining the primacy of the Atlantic alliance. It is to President von Weizsacker's credit and to the credit of the Anglo-German relationship that such concerns did not obtrude into this week's state visit.

FOURTH LEADER

Strange news from Thailand: an iron ore refinery has been burned down, nem. con. by an immense throng of demonstrators. In itself, that is hardly surprising. Foreigners burn down all sorts of things these days, and count not the cost of matches. It was the reason given by the Thai crowd for the rather exceptional warmth of their feelings that - in Bertie Wooster's words - made the old head swim a bit. They said that the presence of the refinery would be bad for the tourist trade.

Now if there is one thing that we thought we had finally got straight, it is that the peoples of Africa and the East, of South America and the remoter parts of Scandinavia, resent our brass presence. They are supposed to be indignant at the thought of their way of life being buried beneath an avalanche of Entertoviform and Diners Club cards, and no less unhappy at the need to remember whether it is the Americans who like iced water and the British warm beer, or the other way round. (It is not the other way round.)

Yet it seems that, so far from resenting the visitors, the visited are delighted in fact, that of the mere suspicion that an iron ore refinery might not

have the cameras clicking, the offending plant is put to the torch.

Whatever, next? Obviously, such vigorous measures are not for us. But there are plenty of other ways in which we can demonstrate our own eagerness to please the tourists, if only by living up to their expectations. A few suggestions may be in order.

A competition to design a British national dress (smocks, perhaps accompanied by clay pipes) might be followed by legislation making the wearing of it compulsory. Instead of most of our trains being late, we could ensure that they all were better still, let them be replaced by a network of stage coaches. (And talking of stages, it is well known that from some spots the National Theatre obstructs the view of Big Ben. Is there a use for recycled concrete?)

Next, a site for the National Maypole must be found. Oxford Circus will do nicely, once the shops have been cleared out of the way. And the demolition will have to go much further up the street. It is all very well telling tourists at Marble Arch that this is where Tyburn stood, but what they want to see is a row of gibbets, preferably occupied.

Then again, what is the point of having a Prime Minister called Thatcher if all the roofs are covered with slate? A coating of fuzz would do wonders for the slag heaps of the north, to say nothing of the Free Trade Hall in Manchester. And a crash programme to equip and train a hundred thousand extra Beefeaters and the same number of Chelsea Pensioners would brighten up our streets no end.

Thailand has shown the way, the tourists' word is law. We must not burn down refineries, but if our visitors want to see picturesque football hooligans being sick on the pavement, it must be arranged, and if Cowley detracts from the beauty of Oxford's dreaming spires, it must be removed (or vice-versa, of course). We even have a slogan for the new dispensation: "A milk maid on every corner, and a Kentucky Fried Chicken in every pot."

Disputed risk of passive smoking

From Professor Robin Weiss and Professor Julian Peto

Sir, Your account (June 25) of a then unpublished study on the risk of lung cancer in the non-smoking spouses of smokers reported Sir Richard Doll's observation that passive smoking probably does cause lung cancer and asserted that "this verdict contradicts the conclusions of the latest research on the risks of passive smoking."

In point of fact, Sir Richard went on to say that the increase in lung cancer risk caused by passive smoking is probably between 10 per cent and 30 per cent. The study to which you refer suggested an 11 per cent increase in risk; and in the analysis restricted to lung cancer patients whose spouses were also interviewed, which may be more reliable, the estimated increase was 33 per cent. Far from contradicting Sir Richard Doll's conclusions, this study thus tends to confirm them.

Your report also says that on the basis of these results "the Institute of Cancer Research has concluded that inhaling other people's smoke carries no significant increase in risk of lung cancer." This research on the effects of passive smoking, which began in 1977, was conducted in collaboration with the Institute of Cancer Research but funded by the Tobacco Advisory Council, under an arrangement which included adequate safeguards of scientific impartiality.

Estimates of such relatively low risks are always uncertain, but both epidemiological research and measurements of the amount of smoke inhaled suggest that the risk to non-smokers of developing lung cancer as a result of living or working with smokers may be of the order of one in 1,000. This is about 100 times less than the risk to smokers, but it is probably 100 times greater than the risk caused by asbestos in contaminated schools and homes, and non-smokers are certainly entitled to ask that it be taken into account in considering further restrictions on smoking in public places.

Some readers may not be aware of the technical meaning of "not significant". It need not imply that an effect is negligible, as in normal usage, but that a particular survey included too few subjects to demonstrate an effect conclusively.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN WEISS, Director, JULIAN PETO, Institute of Cancer Research, Chester Beatty Laboratories, Fulham Road, SW3, June 27.

Collecting VAT

From the Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise

Sir, Richard Platten suggests (July 1) that in future businesses will have less time in which to submit their VAT returns than they do now. This is not so.

The due date for submission of returns remains one month after the end of the accounting period concerned and this will not be altered when the default surcharge on persistently late payments comes into operation. Moreover, the law specifically relates the "due date" to the date of receipt of the return by the Department, which will be recorded. The input of information to our computer is quite irrelevant.

Nor is it correct to say that a taxpayer will not know if his returns are received late, if this happens twice in any 12-month period, he will have clear warning that a further default could lead to surcharge. If postal delays are of a kind which could not reasonably have been allowed for, the law provides that the resultant default does not count for surcharge purposes.

Mr Platten also refers to problems with the timely receipt of suppliers' invoices. He may like to know that the recent White Paper, Building businesses... not barriers, included a proposed review "cash accounting" where VAT would be claimed and paid on a cash basis, rather than on the basis of invoices to be completed by mid-1987.

Yours faithfully, A.M. FRASER, Chairman, The Board of HM Customs and Excise, King's Beam House, Mark Lane, EC3, July 1.

Samuel Palmer echo

From Mr Raymond Lister

Sir, May I comment on two points raised by the President of the Royal Society of Painters in Water-colours in his letter published today (June 28).

He states that Palmer's political pamphlet is "now lost". In fact a copy was recently discovered by Mr Michael Collinge in the Maidstone Public Record Office. It is reprinted in full, with a commentary by Mr David Bindman, in *Bilke, an Illustrated Quarterly*, Fall, 1985.

He states also that Palmer returned to London because of contemporary agricultural unrest. Whilst this may have been a factor in making up his mind to leave Shoreham, the main reason was his engagement to John Linnell's daughter, Hannah. His income was inadequate to support a wife, and it was only by returning to London that he could hope to increase this, by finding an adequate market for sales of his work and by building up a practice as an art teacher.

Manners, materials and memorials

From the Secretary of the Council for the Care of Churches

Sir, Bernard Levin's article (June 7) and the correspondence in your columns about memorials in churchyards (June 26, July 1, 3) could not be more timely or more important. One could argue that, in contemporary England, we get the memorials we deserve; and it certainly is unrealistic to expect, without education and effort, a higher standard of design in the churchyard and the cemetery than in other aspects of life.

In particular, it is idle to blame the "regulators". So far as consecrated Anglican churchyards are concerned, the ultimate arbiter as to what is or is not allowable belongs to the diocesan chancellor, advised by his diocesan advisory committee for the care of churchyards. The "regulations", for which "guidelines" would be a better word, indicate what an incumbent may allow at his own discretion without recourse to the chancellor and it is inadvisable for him to go beyond these limits.

It is often forgotten by those who seek to erect memorials (and I have been in this position myself) that while it may be for them a private act, carried out at a particularly vulnerable moment, it is carried out in a prominently public place and it is only reasonable that a churchyard memorial should seek to respect the *genius loci*. This means congruent materials (and where in England is polished granite a congruent material?), good design and fine craftsmanship.

England is teeming with artistic talent and, in particular, with good letter cutters and well trained sculptors. It is a tragedy that incumbents and others do not take

ON THIS DAY

JULY 5 1924

Did George Mallory and Andrew Irvine reach the summit of Everest in 1924? Over 60 years later the question is still raised, still remains unanswered, and indeed, is probably unanswerable. Noel Odell, the expedition's geologist, relates the dramatic story of the last sighting of the two men. Spence does not permit the account of his tremendous feat, during which for two hours he searched for his companions, and in which, without oxygen, he climbed to 27,500 ft. Professor Odell, now in his 86th year, lives in Cambridge.

EVEREST 1924

THE LAST CLIMB. MR. ODELL'S STORY.

Mr. Odell's story of the final attempt on Everest - and victory? - is as follows: On June 6, following an early breakfast of fried tomatoes, joyfully acclaimed and moderately partaken of, Mallory and Irvine left the North Col Camp for Camp V (25,000ft.), accompanied by five porters, with provisions and reserve oxygen cylinders. Using oxygen, they had already ascended from Camp III, 2,000ft. below, in 2 1/2 hours. They were highly pleased with their performance, which seemed to augur well for the final attempt on the mountain. The next day they ascended to Camp VI (27,000ft.), which had been established by Norton and Somervell in a record climb three days previously. The same day I ascended to the supporting Camp No. V.

At early morning of June 8 it was clear and steadily cold at such an altitude. The two porters I had brought with me to Camp V complained of sickness and headache, and altogether I was not unthankful for an excuse to send them down to Camp IV, at the North Col, for I especially wished to be free during an ascent I was to make for as wide a geological survey of the mountain face between Camps V and VI as possible. Soon after I had started on my task bars of cloud began to form, which periodically immersed me in gloom, but the wind remained quiet light for such an exposed ridge. Now and then there would be an accompaniment of sleet and light snow. I could see above me frequently during these squalls that there was a glow of light, indicating clearness at a higher altitude, and hoped that Mallory and Irvine were above the mist.

At 12.50, just after I had supposed in a state of exhilaration, finishing the first definite meal on Everest, there was a sudden clearing of the atmosphere, and the entire summit, ridge, and final peak of Everest were unveiled. My eyes became fixed on one tiny black spot silhouetted on a small snowcrest beneath a rock-step in the ridge, and the black spot moved. Another black spot became apparent and moved up the snow to join the other on the crest. The first then approached the great rock-step and shortly emerged at the top, in the form of a prominent peak. The two who were waiting there vanished, enveloped in cloud once more.

There was but one explanation. It was Mallory and his companion moving, as I could see even at that great distance, with considerable alacrity, realizing, doubtless that they had done too many hours of daylight to reach the summit from their present position and return to Camp VI at nightfall. The place on the rock-step at a very short distance from the base of the final pyramid, and it was remarkable that they were so late in reaching this place. According to Mallory's schedule they should have reached it several hours earlier if they had started from the high camp as anticipated. That they had encountered bad conditions and snow-covered rocks and other obstacles was likely. However, in my opinion, from the position in which they were seen, they should have reached the summit at 4 p.m. at latest, unless some unforeseen, and particularly difficult obstacle presented itself on the final pyramid. This seemed to be very unlikely, for we had scrutinized the last slopes with telescopes and binoculars and had seen that technical climbing was easy. Thereby, the two most likely explanations of their failure to return were a fall or inability to reach camp before darkness set in, or their incline to the latter view and consider it very probable that they sheltered in some rock recess and fell asleep, and a painless death, followed, due to the excessive cold at those altitudes.

Has Everest been climbed? Colonel Norton has referred to this question. It will ever be a mystery. Considering all the circumstances and the position they had reached on the mountain, I personally am of opinion that Mallory and Irvine must have reached the summit.

A limited amount of prudent borrowing would surely seem to many students a good investment. It is absurd that - as happens now - the State should decide how many people are to have the benefits of higher education, if those who want them are willing to pay for them.

Independence for the universities would also transform the situation for academic salaries. Universities would be able - and indeed obliged - to pay whatever salaries would be needed (likely to be much higher than at present) and new colleges would be established to meet the demand for some subjects and courses. The balance between teaching and research would be clarified.

The universities have only themselves to blame if they are now being bound hand and foot by the State because they are afraid to take responsibility for themselves. Yours, A. M. DAVIES, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey, June 21.

Cricket decline

From Dr H. C. Tomlinson

Sir, Perhaps schools cricket is in greater danger than even Messrs Green (June 24) and Kirch (June 28) realise.

Proposals for altering present term dates for senior schools in the independent sector have just been drafted to allow for the scheduling of GCSE and A-level examinations in 1988, when there will be a common timetable for all exam boards and June will become the exam month.

This will inevitably result in a reduction in both the number of schools fixtures played in that month (about half of this school's external matches, for example, occur in June) and the number of boys free for inter-schools cricket. The time available for internal

S Africa crisis

From Mr J. M. Bruce Lockhart

Sir, In all the current talk about South Africa there are some important factors that are hardly ever mentioned, perhaps because they are uncomfortable. Here are five of them: 1. The record of most independent black governments in Africa is one of corruption, inefficiency and violence. Not a single democracy has survived. Is there any reason to think a black South African government would be any different? 2. No Commonwealth country would lift a finger to help Britain if it were not in its own interests. Britain should similarly ignore any political pressure from the Commonwealth. Should this result in the break-up of the Commonwealth, no one should weep. It might well lead to a healthier relationship between Britain and the individual members of the Commonwealth. This is central to the debate on sanctions on South Africa. It is rarely debated.

The brain drain

From Mr A.M. Davies

Sir, According to your correspondent, Professor James Manor (June 21), with his exciting stories of brilliant, scholars poached by American administrators, "the British Government must increase its support of the universities". That, Sir, is not what is required. What is required is that British universities should regain their independence and self-respect.

There are many ways in which universities could do much more to help themselves: by raising funds from former members, from charities and from business; by encouraging employers to sponsor students; and by gradually moving towards charging more or less economic fees for most students.

With increased wealth universities would be able to offer scholarships to a certain number of students, while others would be able to look for support not only to central and local government (which would doubtless be willing to continue some funding at a modest level) but also to parents, potential employers and the banks.

Judges and politics

From Mr John Kentleton

From Mr Roger Musgrave

Sir, The keeper of a souvenir she in Pisa was even more acute, the continental boatman, who could see Mr George Ball-Englishness "written all over him" (July 2).

Wearing an Italian suit and sunglasses, a Swiss shirt, Frenchie and tanned from the Versilia, sun, I pushed through the cosmopolitan crowd and, without saying a word, presented my choice of postcards.

Instantly he responded: "S hundred lire, please" Yours very truly, ROGER MUSGRAVE, 208 Somerset Road, SW19, July 2.

Open to view

From Mr Roger Musgrave

Sir, Norman Podhoretz's distinction between judicial activism (or judicial usurpation when he particularly dislikes it) and judicial respect for the Constitution under the perjorative heading "When judges seize the law" (July 1) begs the question: namely, should the Supreme Court interpret the letter of the spirit of the Constitution? And since it cannot interpret in a vacuum, it must have regard for time, place and, indeed, occasion.

The assumption that the Constitution has an inviolate and literal integrity was surely laid to rest, if it was ever believed, by Justice John Marshall Harlan's candid admission that "if we don't like an act of Congress we don't have much trouble to find grounds for declaring it unconstitutional."



# THE ARTS

## Television

"Touch confirms the reality of our world", intoned Denis Quilley with resonant seriousness during the narration of *The Healing Arts* (BBC2). Last night's documentary, the first of nine, gave us healing hands: pressing, stroking, massaging, poking, yanking or punnelling or just laying on a body to make the hurt go away.

No doubt such practices have done much good to many. Certainly, they have done much less harm than some of the more inopportune interventions of established medicine. Unfortunately, the programme only confirmed the view that, whatever those with the healing touch come to grips with, it is not always the reality of our world.

The limits of television were partly to blame. What flickers across the small screen passes muster for reality for most of us, except of course when we want to smell the world or touch it. The conventional medical mits of *Your Life in Their Hands* can be seen to be doing some good as they stilt open their patients. All you saw with last night's hands was a lot of pressing, stroking and so on, which at best is comical or titillating, and at worst, boring. There was little enough titillation provided by last night's pliant flesh but some comedy, particularly when the portly figure of the famed Irish farmer bonesetter, Danny O'Neill, was seen struggling to put his patients back into shape.

Deprived of the means to make us feel the benefits of their art, the healers were forced to describe them. They found manipulating words, however, more difficult than bodies. There was much babble about energy fields and eco systems which the commentary failed to unravel. Even the massaging gentlemen's barber sounded like a Californian guru. A cranial osteopath, not content with a colleague's explanation about their hands and the patient's bodies "just getting on with it", launched into a mind-bending analysis. A faith healer, however, was more modest: "It's ever so difficult to explain what happens." Unlike another magical layer on of hands, Diego Maradona, didn't he even talk of a divine touch helping him to achieve his goal.

Andrew Hislop



Master and mistress of farce: Gabriella Drake and Michael Dennison

## Rock

### Snappy girls dressed to kill

#### The Bangles Town & Country Club

The Bangles' first hit single was topping the charts before most people had time to realize that they are four attractive girls whose willingness to dress up and pose for the camera makes them ideal dream-fodder for the Madonna generation — an audience more interested in where its pop stars shop for clothes than in their views on American foreign policy.

So irresistible that it would have been a hit in the hands of four singing Cabinet ministers, "Manic Monday" was followed by *Different Light*, an album crammed with jangling guitars, snappy tunes and delicious California voices, bringing modern production techniques to bear on structures and textures echoing

back to the Byrds, the Beatles and — in the wide, sunny harmonies — the Mamas and the Papas.

After watching their performance in Kentish Town on Thursday night, though, it seemed pertinent to wonder how much of the Bangles' success is due to the shrewdness of their record producer, David Kahne. Their heavy-handed and literal-minded performance, strong on the kind of head-tossing poses long favoured by the dullest sort of male rock musician, hardly confirmed the qualities of sensitivity and imagination shown in the original selection and arrangement of such fine songs as "Manic Monday" (written by Prince, Kimberley Rew's thoughtful "Goin' Down to Liverpool", Jules Shear's poignant "If She Knew What She Wants" and Liam Sternberg's wacky "Walk Like an Egyptian". Susanna Hoff, whose dark

eyes, dangerous pout and fancifully sexy costumes match her sultry voice in the kind of formula that once made Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks so potent, is an equally obvious candidate for a successful solo career one day. On this occasion I preferred Michael Steele's less coquettish delivery of Alex Chilton's "September Gurls", and the way the enthusiasm of the sisters Vicki and Debbi Peterson, lead guitarist and drummer respectively, drove the group's exuberantly noisy version of Arthur Lee's "7 and 7 Is". It was a bit depressing, though, to find them performing a largely pre-recorded version of "Walk Like an Egyptian", at which point they assumed the cartoon-like quality of the all-girl group in *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls*, Russ Meyer's classic send-up of the Hollywood music business.

Richard Williams

## Theatre

### Fine gaggle of gags

#### Court in the Act Royal Interchange Manchester

From Pinero to Brighouse, the Royal Exchange Company have made several successful gambles on long-forgotten farces, and in this — their second flutter on the Parisian duo of Hennequin and Veber — they have again struck lucky.

The authors, contemporaries and some time collaborators with Feydeau, have all the classic Right Bank equipment: absolute confidence in social stereotypes, and the ability to extract endless running gags from the minimum of material, like streamers pouring from a conjuror's sleeve. They also have the nerve to bend some boulevard rules without any loss in comic energy.

As thumped home in *Braham Murray* and *Robert Cogo*, *Ensemble*, and *apocryphal* *Act* (*Alias La Presidente*) unveils hypocrisy in the legal profession: employing the well-worn device of a lasciviously available operetta star who camps out in the house of a provincial magistrate, Tricoite, and proceeds to ensnare every member of the bench who crosses her path.

It goes without saying that each of these pillars of the community is quaking in their elasticated boots at the danger of professional ruin; and that the Minister of Justice, who arrives in the course of pursuing a moral purge of the magistrature, is the first to be gobbled up by La Gobette.

To the farce's natural elements, the authors craftily add some artificial extras — notably burdening Tricoite with a daughter who only speaks English, and an ex-housemaid wife with an obsession for brass polishing. In due course, these seeds sprout on the grand scale: turning brass polishing into a refined sexual perversion, and stranding the daughter and her lover between a beefy bilingual cop who throws himself into the task of translating the protest of an outraged virgin.

True to the Paris style, the comedy nowhere depends on embarrassment. There is panic, frustration, and apocryphal chagrin, but anyone who finds himself in a compromising position is a cue for him to attack. Gobette and Tricoite may be caught in the bedroom by the minister, but instead of cowering in cupboards (the British tactic) Gobette sails on in the role of the wife and proceeds to play the high

bourgeois-horess far more effectively than the legitimate brass-polishing absentee.

A modern writer might have treated this as a superb pretext for class revenge. That does not happen here. Gobette acts her part while knowing her place: but, unlike the run of farcical temptresses, she also consummates her attachments, thus forcing the plot of the dreary impasse of sexual taboo.

Opening in a brass-crammed living room and ending in a white art nouveau hotel, Stephen Doncaster's design at once reflects the play's comic excess and its thoroughbred precision. For most of the way Mr Murray's production likewise combines attack and poise. Michael Denison's Tricoite is too ready to play the victim: this stern moral guardian should not so obviously start out on the receiving end. Otherwise, Lee Montague, as the minister, runs a fine gamut from oily high-status rhetoric to means of inarticulate derangement; and Gabrielle Drake's Gobette is a commanding odalisque, voluptuous as a canned apricot, and never more armoured than when stripped down to her corset.

Irving Wardle

#### I'm Not Rappaport Apolo

Big cities exacerbate the everyday tribulations of the aged: the pace and noise and violence of other people's lives remind them all too nearly that they are approaching the end of their own.

In self-defence they make for the open spaces where, inevitably, they fall in with other displaced persons of a similar age and, inadvertently, provide material for the park bench school of playwrighting.

The American dramatist Herb Gardner has set his folksy urban comedy in New York's Central Park. The two old codgers whose discourse are invited to witness are Nat (Pat Sciofield, disguised by a beret, a gaiter and wire-frame spectacles and equipped with a walking stick) and Midge (Howard Rollins, in

thrift-store clothing, impenetrably opaque spectacles and soft cap).

Midge is the janitor of a nearby apartment block, whose long service is jeopardized by enfeebled eyesight. Nat is simply anyone he chooses to be at the time — a Cuban spy, for instance, or a "Dr Engle".

Nat's idea of amusement consists of creating minor havoc through his random impositions. Even his married daughter, who has betrayed her socialist upbringing by adopting the "colour-sup" life in Great Neck, falls for his nonsense. He is, in other words, that character so beloved of American mainstream comedy, the naughty old prankster.

The only credible constant in Nat's character, seems to be his conviction, unshaken after more than half a century, that the route and often expect to lodge pilgrims free of charge.

Accordingly, he is willing to use his theatrical talents in the service of others. When the jogging yuppie who is head of the tennis committee in Midge's block arrives to spell out the janitor's forthcoming enforced retirement, Nat poses as the latter's lawyer and threatens the former with the full panoply of unionized wrath.

Against the menace of a knife-wielding young thug whose business it is to walk old people home in return for a consideration, he has, however, no answer.

Daniel Sullivan's production elicits a finely honed double-act from the two principals, with Mr Sciofield's tremulous slyness well complemented by Mr Rollins's bridling dignity. But the minor characters have been bought in from stock and one can see most of the jokes coming a furlong off.

Martin Cropper

## Dance Sensitive concept

### Giselle Coliseum

Why is it, I ask myself, that I enjoyed the performance of *Giselle* by Dance Theatre of Harlem last night better than any of those I have seen from the Royal Ballet this season?

The explanation lies not only in the added interest which the Harlem production incurs by transporting the ballet's action to a new setting, the Bayou country of nineteenth-century Louisiana, forcing us to consider plot and characters more closely.

The production's intrinsic quality derives from the fact that it has a clear underlying concept. That was true also of Peter Wright's reading when he first staged it at Stuttgart and Covent Garden: two decades ago, but frequent minor changes seem to have eroded that once clear view.

The Harlem treatment, on the other hand, imagined by Arthur Mitchell many years ago and developed by him in association with the designer Carl Mitchel, has held firmly to the vision of particular characters in a particular context.

They are aided by sensitive staging of the traditional choreography by Frederic Franklin, an Englishman whose knowledge of tradition has been thoroughly neglected by English companies. Although the unattributed orchestration of Adam's score is flamboyant, it is at least colourfully theatrical.

To these virtues are added two beautiful performances in the leading roles: Virginia Johnson and Eddie Shelman act Giselle and Albert with absolute conviction and a complete rapport of spirit, lighting up the ballet by the radiance of her dancing and the soft buoyancy of his.

Nobody would suggest that the rest of the Harlem cast are, in any absolute sense, better dancers than those of the Royal Ballet (although one or two, notably Joseph Cipolla, hold their own) but they dance as if they all care about their performances much more than one usually sees at Covent Garden.

John Percival

## Gallery

### A bit of naughty fun

#### The Forbidden Library Hobart and Maclean

Last year, the final show in Jamie Maclean's gallery at 35 St George's Street, before it passed into other hands was *Forbidden Images*, a first respectable gallery exploration in this country of the rich, artistic and otherwise, of the intriguing half-world of "under-the-counter". Despite (and no doubt partly because of) the discreet window-display and the notices warning that those who ventured within might be offended, the show was a great success, and contained a surprising amount of real art as well as a lot of good, not-too-clean fun.

This year the same dealer, in partnership with Timothy Hobart, is back in the same premises, now the showrooms of Peter Biddulph, the dealer in historic musical instruments, with a follow-up show, *The Forbidden Library*, until July 18.

This time the emphasis is on book illustration. There are other things too: detached prints not precisely related to any literary or para-literary text, the odd drawing like Mucha for a Sarah Bernhardt poster (or odder) some bold excursions by Cocteau and Bérard into the male

brothels of Paris and Marseilles, and some jolly and fancifully acrobatic lithographs from the famous series after the Beidermeier court artist Peter Fendl.

Other works will be familiar to those *au fait* with scholarly American facsimiles, which include in recent years the erotic sketchbook of the Hungarian Mihály von Zichy and the bitterly satirical etchings of the Belgian Martin van Maele. Not to mention, in a more popular format, the numerous "amorous illustrations" of the Marquis von Bayros, working often under the pseudonym of Cholsy le Conin, but quite unable thereby to disguise his unique virtuosity with pen and ink, almost a match for his contemporary Beardsley, who here turns up with his long-haired illustration for *Lysistrata*.

But all these are non-French, and it is in the Paris-published that the main body of the exhibition is to be found. From the 18th century on, the French seem to have been bent on producing books which will uphold their highly profitable reputation for sexual sophistication. Not all the series of illustrations drawn upon can be qualified as high art, but it is amazing how consistently we find great technical competence, and gleefully extrovert invention



From *Idylle printanière* (1933) by Rojan

which should certainly take the curse of moral disapprobation off all but a very few. The mark of pornography, surely, is that it lacks imagination and relies entirely on pushing the same old buttons in the spectator's libido to get the same old stock responses. It is certainly not meant to look like *fin*. A lot in this exhibition does look very much like fun, and is quite innocently infectious. And it introduces us to some real

artistic; it would be interesting to know more of Rojan, whose *Idylle printanière* has a certain delicate, romantic quality as well as unusual frankness, or Vivanti-Denari, whose late 18th-century *Oeuvre printanière* set out facts and fantasies of sex with a crispness and precision which are very fetching.

John Russell Taylor

## Radio

### Silver clouds and leaden linings

Outpatient, Rhys Adrian's sharp delightful little satire on one face of the NHS, was first heard in 1985 on Radio 3. Last Wednesday, in John Tydemans production, it was given a Radio 4 repeat, the first of six plays, winners of the Giles Cooper Awards for 1985, which will be heard again over the next few weeks.

The awards themselves were presented by Harold Pinter at an informal ceremony two weeks ago. Pinter recalled that soon after the ignominious failure of the first production of *The Birthday Party*, when it must have seemed to him that his career had begun and ended in a week, there arrived in the post an invitation from the BBC radio drama department to write a play for them. "The depth of their encouragement," said Mr Pinter, "was immeasurable." I suspect it still is for many playwrights whom we may yet live to celebrate.

But there is no need to look to repeats alone. For only last week radio reminded us of its

virtues with something shining and new-minded. The Field of the Star (Radio 4) was a feature compiled by one of its own most talented drama producers, Shaun MacLoughlin, which followed him and his 12-year-old son, Seamus, as they cycled all the way along the medieval pilgrim route that runs from Mont-Saint-Michel in Normandy to Santiago de Compostela in the north-west of Spain. Day after day, over some five weeks, they rode, staying the night at hostels or monasteries that still line the route and often expect to lodge pilgrims free of charge.

Seamus witnessed the catching of a large carp and became obsessed with the idea of possessing a fishing rod; they were pursued by a hostile ailsant which father fended off with a spray of pepper. (By what amazing foresight did he have that?) and in moments of leisure Seamus took the opportunity to teach his dad "a bit about BMWs". All this and much more had been recorded in their diaries

from which both father and son read extracts. Very colourful they were, but more important and impossible to convey in isolated quotes, they transmitted the impression of a mighty journey made resonant by being set within the context of innumerable other journeys along the same route.

Common to all times and people was the sheer elation that seized them as they breached the last rise and there was Compostela spread before them. It was a measure of this programme's magic that the listener shared in that elation too.

For every silver cloud a leaden lining. And last week's arrived in the shape of *Tunnel Vision* (Radio 4, Sunday). The first broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster, Liz Barron's documentary was an account of attitudes in the Northern Irish town of Portadown where 20 per cent of Catholics, who used to live in relative amity with 80 per cent of Protestants, are now enclosed within one section of the place and do

not dare to venture into its main street. Let me say that this was from one point of view an exceedingly well made and compelling programme: Ms Barron had persuaded her interviewees to declare themselves with chilling candour. The main point at issue was whether this summer's Protestant marches would be able to go down a street known as "The Tunnel", which runs along the Catholic enclave. The police say no: the Protestants say they always have and always will, and if the Catholics regard it as a provocation, too bad.

What is gained by yet another rehearsal of the lethal bigotries of the province at their most intense and unrelenting. We have heard it all over and over in one form or another; and by now it only serves to reinforce the impression that we are dealing with people to all intents and purposes irrational about whom there is, nothing to be done.

David Wade

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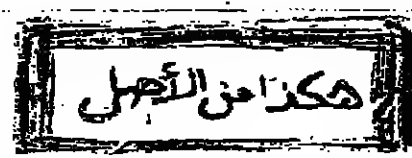
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A HOME BASE AT THE CREASE

There was a time when cricket seemed so much gentler, when P.B.H. May stood for conjured centuries as a peerless batsman, not juggled controversies as the chairman of selectors. It was also a time for Frederic Raphael to be saved from baseball and turned into an English gentleman. It very nearly worked.

Some books make us laugh so much that they should never be looked at again. Of these, for me, a prime example is Archie MacDonnell's England Their England. What is Three Men in a Boat by comparison? A tract? MacDonnell's cricket match is infinitely funnier than Dickens's in The Pickwick Papers, but since there is little so unforgivable, in a literary sense, as telling other people's jokes in synopsis form, I shall limit myself to recalling how, after Mr Shakespeare, Pollock made complete contact with the bowling of the belted and braced Blacksmith, he promptly dropped his bat and hared off to square leg.

This hilarious aberration was due, of course, to Mr Pollock's imagining that cricket and baseball were of the same family, and that his business, once a meeting had been achieved between bat and ball, was to leg it round the "diamond" (somehow square-cut on this occasion before a fielder shied it at his midriff). Did he, after acculturation, prove finally adaptable to the English game or was he cruelly humbled for his misbegotten origins?

MacDonnell's humour, being humane, I shall continue to believe that Mr Pollock became a competent, perhaps even capped, convert to an improbable game and came at last to play a straight bat with the best, or better, of them.

I must confess to a certain kinship with Mr Pollock, since I was born within sound, if not sight, of Wrigley Field in Chicago, where the local newspaper was as rabidly anti-British as its proprietor, Colonel McCormack, could arrange for it to be. Big Bill Thompson, the mayor of my native city, when threatened with a visit by George V, declared that he would give His Majesty a sock in the nose,

though I think that the royal progress passed off without any such bloody incident.

My father was British, despite his seersucker suits and his devotion to American dance music, and he maintained an undiluted affection for cricket, even when he went to live under the shadow of Yankee Stadium, in New York. By a fluke of business politics, we had to return to London just before the war, by which time I was an unmistakable American kid, convinced that nothing in my father's country was either as big or as good as what we had in the good old US of A. My folk heroes were Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey, a neighbour of ours on Central Park West. I would have you know, England was without names to conjure with.

In 1939, my conversion from seven-year-old Yank to eight-year-old Englishman seemed unsurprisingly swift. In retrospect, I am astonished, and even a little ashamed, at the speed of it: what kind of a leopard can change its spots so fast?

The war probably put the pressure on: patriotism has small patience with half-measures and who can be more

pressingly patriotic than middle-class schoolboys? If my accent confirmed almost instantly, I took longer to accustom myself to the local sports. I can still recall the bewildering oddness of the cricket gear disintegrated from its winter quarters in the early summer of 1940.

The huge fields of my prep school were prepared for action by a tractor-hauling rotating blades which appeared wider than a main road. Grass flew like green shrapnel and sweetened the Sussex air as the rumble of guns from across the Channel excited our innocent ears and made the square allotments tremble beneath our trowels as we dug for an unlikely victory. Mr Crowe, who had the dark hair and small-eyed aspect of his corvine provenance, was deputed to teach us the elements of batting. As France tottered and fell (creating a feeling less of doom than of the happy prospect of a last-wicket stand), Mr Crowe was impatient with me. I batted the wrong way round. Sub specie aegerrimatis (something which seemed not too remote just then), it might seem a small matter whether a beardless boy's left hand grasped the bat above or below the right. Mr Crowe, however, regarded left-handedness as akin to treason and he was in no mood to tolerate a fifth-columnist at such a juncture. Like John Donne to a more metaphysical context, I allowed prudent counsels to prevail and altered my stance. The success of the Germans made Sussex a dangerous place for batsmen of any persuasion. In this middle of my first season, if I may put it that way, when I was beginning to "pitch" without bending my elbow (and to fasten my pads without dislocating my shoulder) and when I had observed with fascination how Fatty Magaloon, the amiable Maths master, was transformed by copious white flannels and a Nomad's sweater into someone of elegance and, as he cut and swept with unburied flexibility, into a figure of almost balletic grace, the whole school was banished from its wide and level and vulnerable acres to the raw hills of North Devon.

My headmaster's sources in the War Office had informed him that the area of Ilfracombe would be remote from enemy incursions (we saw one Heinkel, hurrying home after firing Cardiff, and a single pronged mine which floated into the bay, causing us to rush inland, in our house shoes).

Lee Bay was garnished with a sandy beach and limpeted rocks from which to plunge or lurch into the icy Bristol Channel, but the steepness of the protective hills was such that only a narrow playing field was available to us, at the bottom of the V-shaped valley. A pair of bent football fields could be accommodated in it but cricket was out of the question, for the duration.

The hotel had tennis courts,

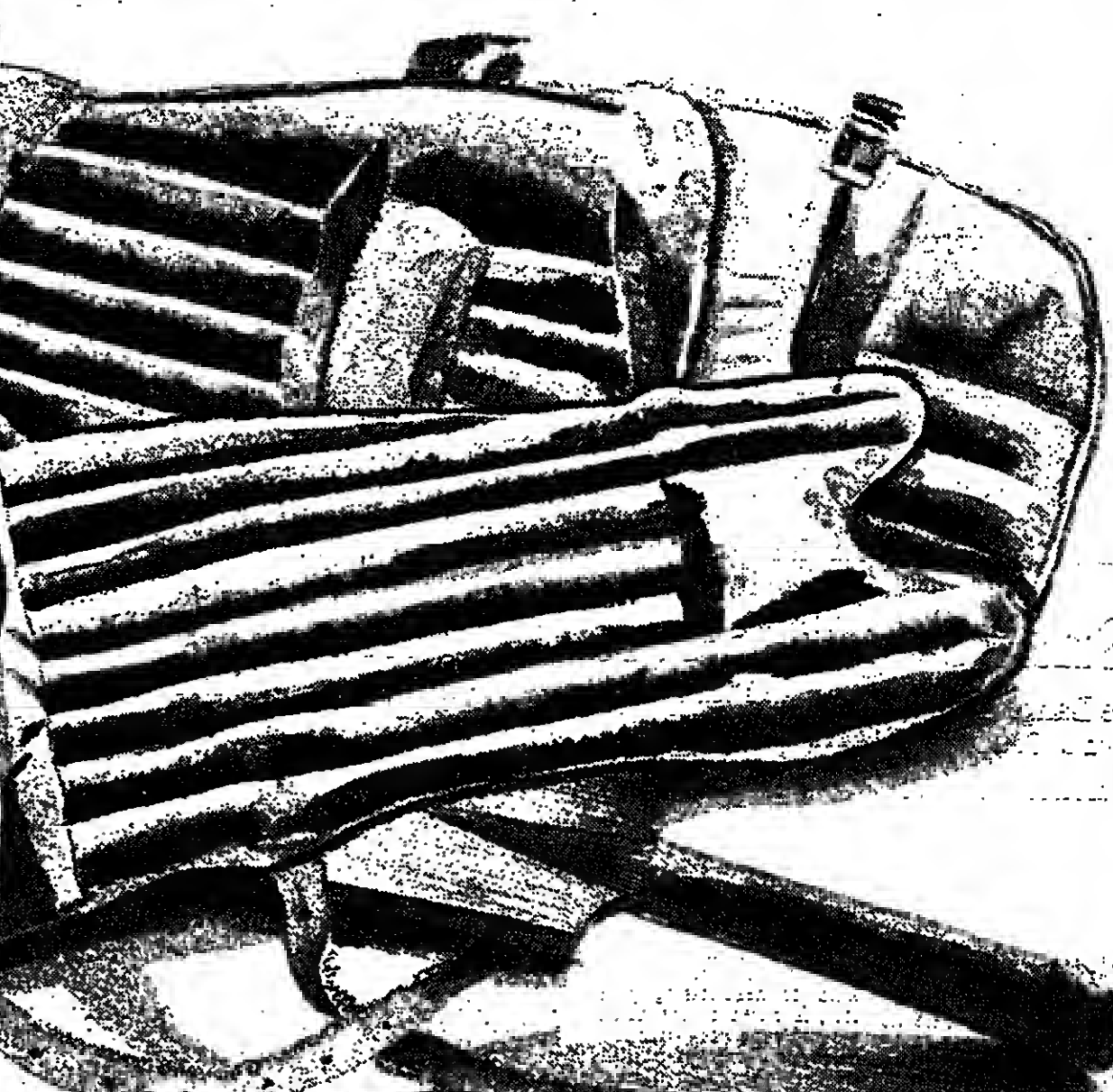


Illustration by Glynn Boyd Harts

where we became green-footed through playing without our rationed gym shoes, but the great summer game had to be postponed. Because tennis and sand-castles lacked the team element so essential to a Britannic education, a number of alternatives made brief appearances on the sporting curriculum. We played girlish rounders on the narrow field and we tried a strange game with a wooden paddle and a sort of "wicket", for full tosses only, which consisted of a board attached to a pole.

One of the soft-billed substitutes either amused or exercised us for long, but though they bore a certain similarity to what had once been my national game, no one ever suggested that we actually play baseball. Gum and gun-toting GIs marched through the fuchsiaed villages and between the high Devon hedges, with their freight of blackberries and sloes, but they brought no enthusiasm for American mores. Looking back, I am amazed to discover in my young wartime persona not the smallest nostalgia for New York.

When, in 1945, my father refused to return to the USA, saying that he had committed me to an English education, I took it as the final signal to embrace all things British. During that last summer of prep school, we returned to

Sussex: the great rotating blades resumed their tonsilic task and the greening pads were taken from under the latticed benches of the pavilion and blanketed for the resumption of peacetime conflict. The war was over.

The following autumn, I was sent to Charterhouse. My only link with it was that Fatty Magaloon had been a Nomad, which meant, more or less, that he had been in the fourth eleven. It seemed, and remains, an unattainable eminence. It had qualified him for a richly embroidered sweater (or "hasher" as I had to learn to call it) and made him the lowest form of "blood".

In the hope that I might emulate him, my father sent me to Alf Gover's indoor school during the Easter holidays. Some of the Surrey professionals used to hang out there, occasionally turning over their arms and rattling the stumps (set in a wooden block) of some cocksure pupil. I enjoyed their insiders' dialogue and envied their ability to smoke and bowl tweakers at the same time. After a few sessions with bat and ball, I looked forward to school cricket with some enthusiasm. Big Alf said that I ought to do well. I was given a new pair of boots, with impressive studs, and a Walter Hammond autographed bat. Ready when you are, W.G.

I was somewhat dashed to be put in the Lockites' "Second Tics" for my first game: there was no lower category. I had hoped that our house captain might at least put me

Frankly, so long as I was in the side, I hardly cared. I was a good slip fielder and I became a reliable batsman of the most conspiratorial rectitude. My finest hour came in a house match against Gowboys, who paraded a first-eleven, left-arm bowler called Holt. Berkeley, our house captain (we were not on first-name terms after four years of proximity), asked me to go in-number one, which he did not seem to regard as a privilege, more a form of sacrifice. Thinking of Robertson and Sailor Brown, who broke the fast men of other counties so that Edrich W.J. and Compton D.C.S. might then carve them to the four corners of Lord's, I elected to be flattered.

If I say so myself, I never played better. After an hour and a half, I was still there. After an hour and forty minutes, I had only just been dismissed. It is true that I had made only seventeen runs,

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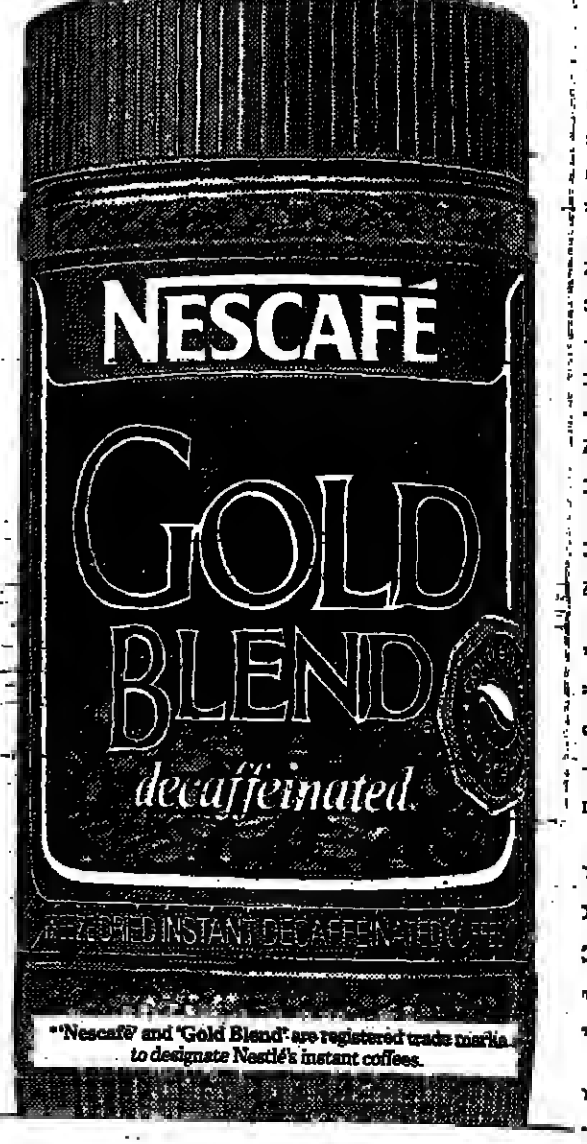
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However, that night it provided me with one of the happiest moments of my life. Colours were called "House Teams" and to be awarded them was to receive House Teams. The house captain drawing pinned a card on the notice board with the favoured names on it. I might be black about scholarships, but I hardly dared to look when Berkeley slumped his few nominations onto these green baize.

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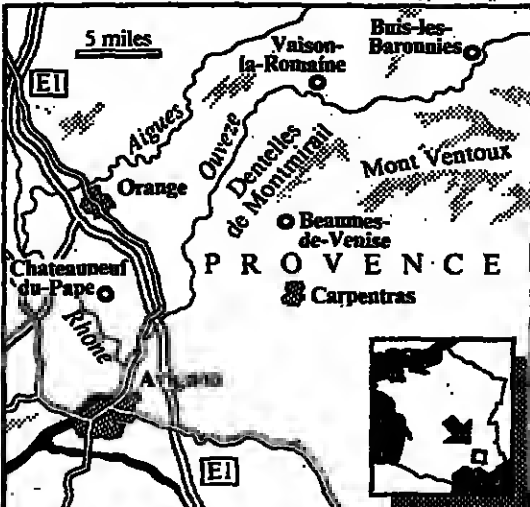


TRAVEL

Scents of adventure in the air

Up the scented slope we toiled and sweated while ahead went Monsieur and Madame, employing an efficient lorry obviously acquired by a lifetime of healthy walking.

Peter Brown followed his nose in Provence, where knowing your herbs is of the essence



At the summit the mistral blew like a bullet but we stood it for several minutes to enjoy the view. Below, the market gardens, vineyards and villages of the Comtat Venaissin.

The oaks, we learned on the way down, were for truffles. The saplings would take at least 15 years before a truffle would grow within sniffing distance of their roots.

Below the terraces the couple had constructed a breeze-block cabanon in which, among the tractors and below ranks of preserved cherries, Madame treated us to an algo bouillido.

These days the capital of this land of popes and herbs, if we discount Avignon itself, is the bustling town of Carpentras.

Next day we ventured into the foothills, to the Roman town of Vaison-la-Romaine, where it was market day. There indeed were herbs and aromatic plants, in muslin bags displayed, a festival of colour and scent.

The herbs, of course, are part of Provencal folklore. On May 1 you would leave a sprig of thyme on your



The herb market at Vaison-la-Romaine: so timeless and so natural

answer lies in Monsieur's serene philosophy. This part of Provence, certainly, seems little wearied by age. In the Roman theatre at Orange, the best preserved in the world, you can stand alone on the stage and anachronistically proclaim, to the amusement of American tourists, that you come to bury Caesar.

Round the corner, in Orange's market, a tradesman was selling his herbs with the aid of a microphone and, for a gimmick, a few dead snakes. I failed to make the connection; but the mike seemed all at one with the scene.

For the patois, the original langue d'oc, for which the poet Mistral, an aptly-named Nobel Prize winner, fought a hard battle a century ago. It was once a great language; Dante, we are told, toyed between Provençal and Tuscan for his Divine Comedy.

It is hardly spoken these days, said Madame, back at the gate, as we relaxed over her home-made walout liqueur. To their cottage garden were figs, lemons, quinces, pears, apples and a venerable bay tree.

Hardly spoken. But then, in such a cornucopia, what need of an ancient tongue? One must look to the future.

Among the market patter I listened

SHOPPING

Taking a swing through the Tarzanite treats

Making play while the sun shines is getting easier every year. Most parents breathe a sigh of relief at the slightest sign of good weather, as they can get their offspring into the garden to wreak their exuberance on swings, slides, sandpits and the shrubbery.

From sandpits to climbing frames, Lee Rodwell suggests some sturdy toys for use in the garden

A good selection of outdoor toys for children of every age and gardens of every size can be seen at the Montrose Products showrooms in Kentish Town, north London.

Their most popular climbing frame unit is the Wizard, which comes with a fireman's pole and an optional slide attachment. The unit is 4ft 5in high and costs £29.95.

This year Montrose have introduced a toddlers' climber, in a cheerful blue and yellow, with a fireman's pole and an optional slide attachment. The unit is 4ft 5in high and costs £29.95.

The Early Learning Centre have their own giant climbing frame, which has the advantage of being two frames in one. Assembled as a lower junior frame, there are enough pieces left over to make a catwalk.

For younger children, the new Prince slide, available through Montrose, has high, raised sides and big hand rails. The height to the platform is 3ft 5in, and it costs £29.95.

The new Early Learning sandpits double up as paddling pools since both the junior and the large versions have drain holes and plugs. The large sandpit also has two corner seats. You can buy covers for both sizes and the covers themselves have roadways and islands for extra play value.

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WHERE TO GO

TP Activity Sports and Toys: Branches of John Lewis, Harrod's and Leisureworld. Little Tikes: From good toy shops including Harrod's. For the customer service department write to 7 Enterprise Centre, Pease Street, Dublin 2 (0001 712886).

HOW TO AVOID BEING FRAMED

Andy Cole, toy and equipment research officer of Play Matters, the National Toy Libraries Association, offers these guidelines for buying garden toys.

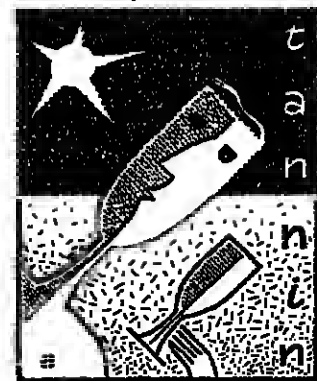
Where possible, buy items that can be used indoors as well as out, bearing in mind the British climate. Your children may get more use out of wheelbarrows, quoits, trikes and so on than a paddling pool, for instance.

Supervise young children particularly with swinging pools - and erect swinging climbing frames and so on, on soft surfaces.

DRINK

Sparkle summons summer

Cynics may well feel that yet another English summer came and went with the recent warmer spell, but the wine trade obviously consists of eternal optimists. Every office, wine warehouse and supermarket shelf is bristling with summer selections and "special summer buys".



More comforting still for non-Majestic goers is that, in addition to the 15 wine warehouses already in operation, three more are on the way: in Guildford (this month), and Fulham and Islington (before the autumn).

Majestic Wine Warehouses, as every regular reader of this column will know by now, is a favourite source of mine (and the rest of the country too) for inexpensive, yet exciting wines. Their list of more than 700 wines is also rarely under-sold.

My final Majestic recommendation is the excellent Muscat Cuvée Jose Sala, one of this summer's lowest-priced sweet wines. I much enjoyed its dark-gold colour and fresh peachy bouquet, with a cream brulee like palate, complete with a pleasing marmalade tang on the finish.

The Independence Day bargain here is the glorious '81 Monday Pinot Noir reserve with its elegant, luscious, plummy, almost Burgundian

EATING OUT

Another roast to beef about

ists, architects, young musicians and so on, is of course questionable. There was more baby-food mouse-to-ome. This one was of salmon, and was the stuff of a brilliant file which was, incidentally, a superbly delicious, cream and chives; the parts were more successful than the whole: A dish called emincé de boeuf, hasquette featured peppers, predictably enough: no one, though, could have anticipated the brutality of the ragout of the vegetables and of the sauce derived from them. The beef lost by a first-round knock-out. Sweets here are not bad at all; and certainly better than the repertoire of a mao in grey shoes: "I wanna be an actress's playing thing, love".

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OUT AND ABOUT

Imposing façade for family life

A frolicsome breeze - somewhere between tornado and hurricane force - was making its way across the Ragley estate...

At Ragley Hall one of Europe's great rooms has been restored, thanks to the Marquess

Suddenly, like an architectural lack-in-the-box, up in pops in all its glory over your right shoulder. Adjectivally, the choice lies somewhere between "imposing" and "intimidating"...

What you are immediately up against is the experience of 112,000 cubic feet of space, or to put it another way, "one of the great rooms of Europe". It is 70 feet long, 40 feet wide and 40 feet high...

Full of charm... and sheep

Ragley Hall is only seven miles from Stratford-upon-Avon and 10 miles from Evesham. But the less well-known Alcester is much nearer...

many old houses is the Malt House on the corner of Malt Mill Lane. Being just off the tourist routes, Alcester has not been "improved", its charm is completely genuine.

stamped quite firmly on Ragley - oot least in the extraordinary mural, The Temptation, commissioned by the Marquess and painted between 1969 and 1983 by Graham Rust.

An enormous Ceri Richards painting hangs on the other staircase. Called The Defeat of the Spanish Armada, it looks rather like a nasty ancient involving two giant shuttlecocks.

Ragley has some of the prettiest ceilings you could hope to see. You could easily end your visit with a creak in the neck. It has an astonishing bed made specially for the Prince Regent...

Nigel Andrew Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire (0789 762455) is open Tues-Thurs, Sat and Sun, 1.30-5.30pm. Tues-Thurs in June, July, August, noon-5pm.



Taking steps: The Marquess of Hertford, who restored the family fortunes, on the south staircase with Homer

ALNWICK FAIR: Re-enactment of this ancient fair in one of Northumberland's finest old towns. Live entertainment throughout today in the Market Place includes courts and ducking, buskers, a gurning competition, pillow jousting, five-a-side football, barn dance, and barbecue.

ALNWICK, Northumberland. Further information from Peter Lewis (0665 602552). Today 10am-midnight, all Market Place events free. Tomorrow, tournament from 1-5pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC: Rides for children on the museum's train and for under-10s on the antique roundabout. Competitions for the smallest, best dressed, best handicapped and oldest bears.

LONDON TOY & MODEL MUSEUM, Craven Hill, London W2 (01-262 8459). Tomorrow, 2-5pm. Adult £1.50, £1.20 with bear child free if carrying a bear.

CHARIBBEAN MUSIC VILLAGE: Entertainment includes concerts, informal workshops, masquerade sessions with stilt-walkers, Caribbean food and a whole range of Caribbean music.

HOLLAND PARK, London W11. Further information and tickets for evening concerts from Commonwealth Institute (01-603 4535). Mon-July 26. All daytime events free. Evening concerts: adult £3.50, child £2.

ROSE GARDEN REBORN: Designed in 1888 by Robert Marnock, the garden has been completely and authentically restored. The only "newcomer" will be the hybrid Warwick Castle Rose...

WARWICK CASTLE, Warwick (0256 482421). From Wed, daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £3.50, child 4-16, £2.25, under-4s free.

LET'S FACE IT: A series of workshops, demonstrations, talks about make-up, hair, fashions, and cosmetics from 1700-1988, presented as part of the City of London Festival and the Museum of London's summer exhibition. All events are free, but tickets are limited for some events.

MUSEUM OF LONDON, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699, ext 280) Tues-July 13, July 15 and 16.

Judy Froshang

THE TIMES COOK

A renaissance for those salad days

Shona Crawford-Poole cooks up cool first courses for light summer meals

Not many categories of food have changed as much for the better as salads. There are still un-reformed pubs and canteens serving pre-revolutionary lettuce decked out with club cut cucumber, tomato wedges, sliced eggs, spring onions and salad cream on the side.

But as likely as not, alongside the tubs of chopped stuff drowned in acetic acid will be a range of raw greenery undressed or even five years ago. And the influences of our own travels and those of the chefs whose work features on our book shelves, if not on our cheque-book stubs, and the scale of the change becomes clearer.

The year-round availability of once rare ingredients like fizzy, frilly and red members of the chicory tribe has helped as much as the widening of holiday horizons. Would we have believed that warm boiled potatoes and garlic mayonnaise are a heavenly partnership if someone had not attended to an aoli monster in the 1920s? Could we have credited the deliciousness of roasted red peppers with nothing more than salt and oil before tasting them on an Italian table?

Add a dash of inspiration from the tantalizingly perfect arrangements of dainty exotics pictured in magazines, cookery books, and advertisements for country house hotels and it is clear why salads have become socially acceptable starters.

Miniature ears of maize the size of a child's finger are a

good addition to a selection of vegetables, cooked à la grecque.

Baby corn and mushrooms à la grecque

Serves six to eight

225g (8 oz) firm button mushrooms

225g (8 oz) baby corn

225g (8 oz) onions, preferably small

8 cloves garlic, peeled

6 tablespoons good olive oil

300ml (½ pint) white wine

Juice of 1 lemon

Salt

1 teaspoon whole coriander seeds

½ teaspoon fennel seeds

Freshly ground black pepper

Cut the stems of the mushrooms flush with the caps. Wipe the caps with a clean cloth. Wash the baby corn, and cut any very large ones in two or three pieces. Peel the onions, and if they are large, cut them in quarters or sections. The idea is that the pieces of vegetable should be of roughly compatible size.

Put the onions and garlic in a large shallow pan with a little oil, wine, lemon juice, a little salt, the coriander and fennel seeds and some freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for three or four minutes before adding the corn, and after another five minutes the mushrooms. Simmer until the mushrooms are lightly cooked then drain the vegetables, reserving the cooking liquid.

Put the vegetables and spices in a serving bowl. Reduce the cooking liquid to about 8 tablespoons by fast boiling and pour it over the vegetables. Leave them to cool, and serve at room temperature rather than chilled with a wedge of fresh lemon.

Sweet peppers are the most abused of vegetables when raw, as repetitive as kippers. Strips of green pepper, which are even less easy on the digestion than ripe red peppers, seem to have become an

obligatory item in every ill-thought-out salad.

If the temptation to jazz-up an unexciting lettuce is irresistible, add a few lightly cooked mange tout peas and string-thin green beans. This kind of green salad is interesting enough to serve as first course. Choose cabbage lettuce or any other, really green variety in preference to an iceberg.

Green salad

Serves four

110g (4 oz) very fine green beans

110g (4 oz) small mange tout peas

1 lettuce

1 bunch watercress

1 tablespoon finely chopped chives

For the dressing

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

4 tablespoons light olive oil

Simmer the fish in the milk for about five minutes, until it will flake from the bones. Strain and reserve the milk. Leave the fish to cool.

Flake the fish, discarding the skin and bones and divide it between six well-buttered moulds or ramekins. I use oval metal moulds which hold about 100ml (¾ oz).

Put the eggs in a bowl with the cream and about 175ml (6 fl. oz) of the reserved poaching milk. Whisk well and season with cayenne, adding salt if it is needed. Stir in the chopped chives.

Pour the custard over the fish, filling the dishes to the brim. Set the dishes in a deep tin or casserole and pour in boiling water to come at least half way up their sides. Bake the custards, covered, in a preheated cool oven (150°C/300°F, gas mark 2) for about 30 minutes, or until they have set.

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IN THE GARDEN

Take time to look and learn

One of the difficulties with gardening advice on radio or television, in magazines - and newspaper columns - is that it usually comes from professional gardeners who, while they are immensely knowledgeable on the subject, often seem to have no concept of life in a domestic garden, where children, pets and wildlife compete with plants for space and attention. These distractions bring about a number of problems which may not be dealt with by the professional giver of gardening advice.

The main problem with the gardening gurus is that they want to keep you busy the entire time. So this month, if you're not feeding glaxias, you should be earthing up potatoes, transplanting bulbs, taking half-pipe cuttings or removing strawberry foliage. When do you get time to lie to the sun and enjoy the sights and scents?

Do we really have to suffer through this kind of gardening Pilgrim's Progress of infinite tasks and imponderable adversity, where joy is hard-won? Of course gardeners need attention but, in practice, if enjoyment is combined with vigilance, tasks can be minimized.

If you adopt a relaxed attitude, taking time off to walk among your plants, you are more likely to spot pest or disease problems early, when they can usually be dealt with quickly and easily. As you pass by, you can swoop on the odd weed, deadhead the roses and secure the waving stems of climbers.

You will savour the scent of roses on the morning air, of lavender rubbed between the fingers. There will be the pleasure of the first ripe raspberries, or of finding that your lilies have unexpectedly doubled in number, or of discovering a new plant, gained from who knows where - perhaps inadvertently smuggled in with some other purchase.

Inspection will also reveal

both blackfly and pinky rose aphids on your roses, and nasty wrinkles on the silky leaves of the cherry. These indicate the presence of the persistently hungry cherry aphids, which resemble shiny black fleas.

You will also do well to spot the early nibblings of that unpleasant grey-green caterpillar which adores Solomon's Seal and can defoliate it in a day or two, or a similar depredation of the carrot pest which signifies the caterpillar of the magpie moth, a most beautiful but troublesomely voracious species.

July is the time to enjoy the gardens of others as well as your own. Many gardens, private and public, are open this month, giving you an opportunity to observe the planting requirements, habit, spread and height of plants you are considering growing yourself.

Take a notebook in which to oote down the names of new plants which capture your attention, or you will inevitably have forgotten them by the time you get home. My list for this year includes a delightful pink larkia called Canoo Went, and Salvia patens with its rich blue flowers. I was reminded, by a trip to the Chelsea Physic Garden, of Lavandula stoechas - an early lavender in which each flower is crowned with a cluster of bracts, making it look as though an exotic fly is perching there.

Also a delight from now on are the day lilies. Purists prefer the species, the yellow Hemerocallis citrina and the apricot-red Hemerocallis fulva, but there are numerous hybrid varieties for those with fancier tastes. These are plants worth considering for although - as the name suggests - oo single bloom lasts more than a day, they produce a succession of blooms lasting up to six or eight weeks.

Francesca Greenoak



Attack: caterpillars and a Magpie moth on currant leaves

INDIA advertisement featuring a map of India and text about experiencing the country's culture and scenery. Includes contact information for Thomas Cook.

HOMETIDY advertisement for a SUMMER SALE featuring a VERSATILE STORAGE SYSTEM for clothes, toys, and garden bits. Includes contact information for Dandy's.

A TENNIS COURT IN YOUR GARDEN? advertisement for a tennis court system. Includes contact information for a company in Woking.

COWSLIPS advertisement for PHENILLA VERIS, a true wild golden yellow sweet fragrant British Cowslip. Includes contact information for Highfield Nurseries.

PLANNED GARDENS advertisement for trouble-free gardens. Includes contact information for Highfield Nurseries.

CUT, SWEEP & ROLL - ALL AT ONCE! advertisement for a Westwood lawnmower. Includes contact information for Westwood.



# ENTERTAINMENTS

## THE SOUTH BANK CENTRE

Open all day with free exhibitions and live music. Coffee Shop, Bar, Books and Events Cafe. Jazz groups every Friday evening. Enjoy the magnificent views of Big Ben and Parliament from our riverside walks.

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**TONIGHT AT 7.30 p.m.**  
**POPULAR CLASSICS**  
 Royal William Tell Overture, Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, Gold and Silver Waltz, Massenet's L'Esperanza, Cavalleria Rusticana, Elgar's Cello Concerto, March, Ravel's Bolero.

**LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA**  
 Conductor: **HARRY RADWINOVITZ** CRAIG SHEPPARD piano  
 (3.50, 4.50, 5.50, 6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, 18.00, 19.00, 20.00)

## PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA

Principal Conductor: **Giuseppe Sinopoli**  
 Principal Guest Cond.: **Esa-Pekka Salonen**

**TOMORROW AT 7.30**  
**ESA-PEKKA SALONEN**  
**KEITH LEWIS**

Gentlemen of the **PHILHARMONIA CHORUS**  
 Respighi (1936): Pines of Rome  
 Liszt (1896): A Faust Symphony  
 Tickets: 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000, 1005, 1010, 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THE WEEK AHEAD



PHOTOGRAPHY PRIVATE EYE: Man Ray was a leading light in the surrealist movement which flourished in Paris in the 1920s. His Tears (above) is included in L'Amour Four: Photography and Surrealism. Hayward Gallery, London SE1 (01-928 3144) from Thursday.



THEATRE INSECT MAN: Tim Roth, fresh from his television triumph in King of the Ghetto, has the lead in Metamorphosis. Steven Berkoff's version of the Kafka story about a man who wakes up to find that he is a cockroach. Mermaid (01-236 5568), from Wednesday.



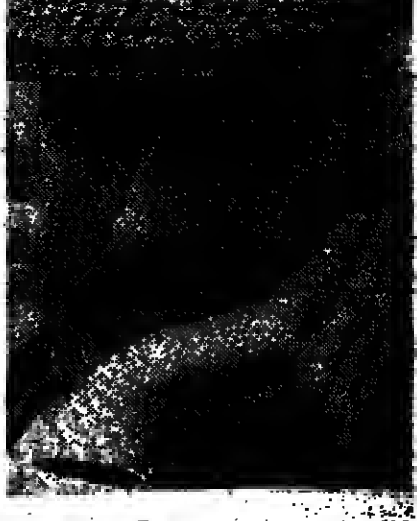
TELEVISION TORCH CARRIER: The Statue of Liberty, built in France and shipped across the Atlantic in 210 crates, was unveiled 100 years ago. Its story is told in an Oscar-nominated documentary by the American director, Ken Burns. BBC2, Monday, 8-9pm.



ROCK SAILING HOME: Rod Stewart will be hoping for a warm welcome on his return to Britain after a lengthy absence. His concert features a reunion of the Faces, plus guest appearances by ELO and Feargal Sharkey. Today, Wembley Stadium (01-902 1234).



FILMS MAKING WHOOP!: Whoopi Goldberg, in her first screen role, gives a skilful central performance in Steven Spielberg's The Color Purple (15), about the gradual emancipation of a black woman early in the century. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279), from Friday.



BOOKS IRISH STEW: J.P. Donleavy, the American writer, returns to the land of his ancestors for J.P. Donleavy's Ireland (Michael Joseph, £12.95), a holistic mix of anecdotes and autobiography which covers his student days at Trinity College Dublin.

THE TIMES CHOICE

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

FACING UP: Andy Warhol aims one of his recurrent themes: the self-portrait. Anthony D'Offy Gallery, 9 & 23 Dering Street, New Bond Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), from Tues.

FIGURATIVE SCULPTURE: The human form, from eight contemporary British sculptors. Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Off Deansgate, Manchester (061 832 8034), from Tues.

SCANDINAVIAN PAINTING: From the turn of the century, including Munch, Larsson and Ring. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3144), from Thurs.

SELECTED

ARCHAEOLOGY: Major exhibition reviewing archaeological discoveries in Britain since the Second World War. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555).

FILMS

OPENINGS

ENEMY MINE (PG): Futuristic spectacular from the director of The Boat, Wolfgang Petersen, with Dennis Quaid and Louis Gossett Jr as enemy space pilots marooned together on a hostile planet. Prince Charles (01-437 8181), Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011), from Fri.

HALF LIFE (PG): Powerful, angry Australian documentary investigating the effect of American nuclear tests on the inhabitants of the Marshall Islands during the 1950s. Metro 1 (01-437 0757), from Fri.

MURPHY'S ROMANCE (15): Old-fashioned romantic drama, with Sally Field as a horse trainer, falling for James Garner (who was nominated for an Oscar). Curzon West End (01-439 4805), from Fri.

SELECTED

POOL FOR LOVE (18): Robert Altman's latest imaginative venture into filmed theatre. Premiere (01-439 5570), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-836 6148).

AN IMPUDENT GIRL (15): Claude Miller's smooth, sweet story of a frustrated teenager taking steps towards maturity during her summer holidays. Vary French. Lumiere (01-836 0691), Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742).

PHOTOGRAPHY

BATH'S SECRET GARDENS: Photographed by a local man, Peter Woloszynski, who has established a reputation in this particular genre. Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milcom Street, Bath (0225 92841).

PORTRAITS AND DREAMS: Self portraits and family life photographed by the children of the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Stills Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140).

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA: Tonight, Tues and Fri at 7.30pm Covent Garden's new production of Fidelio; conducted by Sir Colin Davis. Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream continues its run on Mon and Thurs at 7.30pm. Covent Garden, London WCC (01-240 1066).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: Tonight and Thurs at 4.50pm the long-awaited Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth II's concert conducted by Simon Rattle with Willard White and Cynthia Haymon; tomorrow at 4.50pm, Wed and Fri at 5.50pm, Peter Hall's new production of Verdi's Simon Boccanegra. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 812411).

COMMEDIANTI: A newly formed Italian comic opera touring company starts tonight (from 8pm) at the Charleston Manor Festival, with a double-bill of Pergolesi's La serva padrona and Donizetti's La Finta Giocatrice. Charleston Manor, West Dean, Seaford, Sussex (0323 870267).

CONCERTS

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM: Two performances today of its Creole Giselle together with Balanchine's Allegro brillante. Glen Talley's Voluntaries is given together with Balanchine's Serenade and John Tera's Firebird (Mon, Tues). Geoffrey Holder's Banda and Balanchine's Stars and Stripes (Wed), or Banda plus Billy Wilson's Concerto in F (Thurs). The season ends with Serenade, Firebird and the London premiere of Domy Reiter-Soffer's Equus (Fri and July 12). Coliseum (01-836-3161).

MERYL TANKARD: She describes her Travelling Light as a dance theatre cabaret; it is given in London for one more week, then at Edinburgh. ICA Theatre (01-930-3647).

DANCE

CHELtenham FESTIVAL: Bruckner's Symphony No 9 and the world premiere of Alun Hoddinott's Triple Concerto. Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523690), Today, 8pm.

LISZT'S FAUST: A rare performance of Liszt's Faust Symphony by the Philharmonia Orchestra under Esa-Pekka Salonen. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. FRIEND/PHILHARMONIA: Lionel Friend conducts Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture, Handel's Water Music, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 and Dvorak's 'New World'. Royal Festival Hall, Tues, 7.30pm.

BOETTCHER'S BEETHOVEN: Wilfried Boettcher conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphonies Nos 2 and 7. Cheltenham Town Hall, Wed, 8pm.

ROCK AND JAZZ

BRACKNELL JAZZ FESTIVAL: Back in competition with Wimbledon, this most relaxed of jazz picnics features Don Cherry, John Scofield, Chris

McGregor and many others. Today/tomorrow, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, Berks (0344 484123).

QUEEN: With Status Quo. Wed, St James' Park, Newcastle (0632 611571); Fri and July 12, Wembley Stadium (01-902 1234).

GILBERTO GILMILTON NASCIMENTO: Two giants of Brazilian pop, Gil on Tues and Nascimento on Fri. Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081).

CELIA CRUZ: The Aretha Franklin of salsa, accompanied by Tito Puente's band. Thurs, Hammersmith Palais, London W6 (01-748 2812).

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

CABARET: Gillian Lynne directs Wayne Sleep, Kelly Hunter in a new production of the musical based on Isherwood's stories. Strand (01-836 2500). Previews from Thurs. Opens July 17.

OPENINGS

SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDEHEIM: David Kernan's tribute to Stephen Sondheim's lyrics and music. Dorner Warehouse (01-240 8230). Opens Tues, Brasserie Lipp, Fri, until Aug 24.

WIENER SCHNITZLER: Excerpts from the plays and stories of Arthur Schnitzler, using members of the company of Deafness (now at the Lyttelton). Platform performance. Cottesloe (01-928 2252). Mon, July 18, Aug 11, 19.

SELECTED

THE ENTERTAINER: Peter Bowles gamely steps into Olivier's shoes as the seedy, emotionally empty stand-up comic Archie Rice - perhaps John Osborne's greatest creation. Shaftesbury (01-379 5399).

OUT OF TOWN

STRATFORD UPON AVON: The Art of Success: Nick Dear's play about the life and work of William Hogarth. The Other Place (0789 295623). Previews today, Mon, Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: New production directed by Bill Alexander. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews today (matinee and evening), Mon. Opens Tues. In repertory.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE: Priority booking opens this week for David Hare's The Bay of Nice and Wrecked Eggs (from Sept). Also Pinter's The Magistrate. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3252).

BOLSHOI BALLET: Bolshoi Ballet in Battersea Park, Manchester and Birmingham, August. Tickets from the Bolshoi Ballet in The Park, PO Box 2, London W6 0LQ (01-741 9959), Manchester: (061 236 9922), Birmingham: (021 622 7486).

LAST CHANCE

RONALD SEARLE - TO THE KWAI AND BACK: Drawings by the artist while serving with the Royal Engineers and as a prisoner of war, 1942-45. Ends tomorrow. Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (01-735 8922).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Films: Geoff Brown; Photography: Michael Young; Dance: John Percival; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Maudie Copper; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

A funny route to the National



To people who know him chiefly as the co-writer of Yes, Minister, Jonathan Lynn's arrival at the National Theatre will come as something of a surprise. Having already directed a Feydeau farce for them, he was invited by Peter Hall to form a new group of NT actors to give a sequence of three plays. The second surprise is his choice of plays - two little-known hits from Broadway's past and one classic, neglected English farce. The Magistrate. "I believe in a good night out", he says, explaining his policy simply: "I want people to feel entertained and have a good laugh." These were reassuring words to hear bouncing off the National Theatre concrete. Backstage at the first impression is of visiting a prison. After being signed in and looked over, one is led to an interview cell of extreme lugubriousness, furnished only with old paper cups. A previous occupant had passed his time arranging the drawing pins on the notice board into a cry for help. "Brian where are you?" But Jonathan Lynn, after being led in by a warder, seemed to be enjoying his porridge. A roly-poly Ustinovian figure, with lips that curl like those of attendant cherubs in lascivious Old Masters, he looks as though he might introduce a note of revelry between these sad, forbidding walls. What had persuaded him to come inside? "Oh, the day that Peter Hall rang, it seemed like a good idea. I do whatever comes along that seems a good idea at the time. People have given me a great sense of support. We're a mixed bunch of directors - Peter Wood, Richard Eyre, David Hare, Peter Gill - and now me." He sounded surprised at the company in which he found himself.

What brought a former writer of Yes, Minister to the South Bank? Jonathan Lynn had his reasons

The Broadway plays are Jacobowsky and the Colonel by Franz Werfel and Three Men on a Horse by the old master of 1930s musicals and comedies, George Abbott. Neither title will ring many bells among English audiences, although Michael Redgrave played in Jacobowsky in London in 1945. The play is set during the collapse of France in 1940, where all its characters are fugitives before the German advance. Playwright Franz Werfel was one of them in real life. "It's a warm, optimistic play with something genuinely touching to say about human relationships" says Lynn. After Elia Kazan's successful production in 1944, Hollywood intervened with a screen version with Danny Kaye. Me and the Colonel, and the play was forgotten. Jonathan Lynn heard that it was far superior to the film, tracked it down, read it and was delighted. At its first showing it was highly topical, with the Nazi occupation fresh in everyone's mind. Now it has to be seen whether it transcends its period. To play the colonel, Lynn turned, not unnaturally, to Nigel Hawthorne who made the character of the hide-bound mandarin Sir Humphrey Appleby in Yes, Minister so much his own. It is Hawthorne's first part for the NT and he will follow it in the lead of The Magistrate. The idea for the Whitehall saga occurred to Lynn's part-

ner, Antony Jay. They had met while writing management training films. Lynn did not respond to the idea at first: "I had written about 50 situation comedies for television and didn't want to write another one ever again." But after some years he was more receptive when Jay mentioned the unpromising idea once more. In a sense he points out. Yes, Minister is a training film for politicians, just as Fowley Towers can be seen as a training film about the problems of hotel management. The success of Yes, Minister and its best-selling books-of-the-series rather eclipsed Jonathan Lynn's earlier career as an actor. In the 1970s he was seldom off the screen as actor-writer in series such as Doctor in the House and its sequel. He had begun his acting career in the Cambridge Footlights revue, playing the drums, but for the New York run, he was promoted to playing in the sketches. I seems odd to recall now that one of his better known roles was Moulie the tailor in Fiddler on the Roof, a part with its own solo. Even this does not exhaust his multifaceted career. Apart from directing a number of West End successes - the last Leonard Rossiter Look, for example - he is an established screen-writer. Che, a murder story based on the family board game Cluedo, was his, and gave him the chance both to write and direct. "I still think of myself as an actor", he begins - but corrects himself - "No, I think of myself as more a director and writer. No - I don't really know what I think of myself."

Pinter lead

With her stage play Circle and Bravo transferring to the West End shortly, Faye Dunaway is already looking ahead to the filming of Donald Freed's story of an incarcerated First Lady of America. She has acquired the film rights and is casting around for a director. Once again her husband, photographer Terry O'Neill, will be passed over - as he was in the couple's unhappy, flirtation with Tom Kempinski's Duet for One. Her favourite at the moment is the play's stage director Harold Pinter. It will mark his big-screen directing debut. Another Getty at Sagon Place? Strange as it may seem, there is a growing body of opinion that the California-based Getty Museum may take on the breathtaking 14th-century mansion near Guildford which was occupied by J. Paul Getty until his death in 1976. The house is on the market at around £16 million, and would be an ideal halfway house for items purchased in Britain, but not granted an export licence. That with a certain amount of "borrowing" could go on without contravening the Government's export rules. Christopher Wilson

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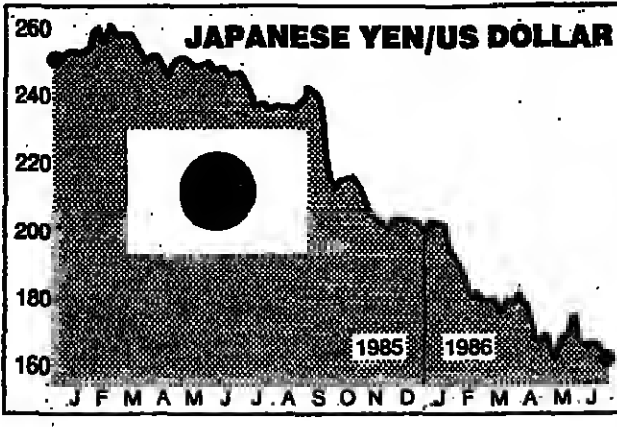




FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Gilts rise strongly on new hope of interest rate cuts

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent



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Export rate reduction

Western industrial countries have agreed to lower the minimum interest rates they apply to officially guaranteed export credits...

Mr Jacques de Larosiere, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, echoed these hopes at a United Nations meeting in Geneva.

Market hopes have revived in spite of the Bank of England's extremely cautious approach to interest-rate cuts...

ing month, when the figures are released on Tuesday. This would reduce the 12-month growth rate from 19.5 per cent in May, to 18 per cent or less in June.

The dollar closed near its post-war low at 160.60, compared with 161.40 at the previous close.

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Yesterday the Mitsubishi Research Institute predicted weak growth for the Japanese economy in this fiscal year.

Meadow Farm drops bid

Hillsdown Holdings, the fast-growing food group, has increased its offer for North Devon Meats, a farmers' co-operative abattoir, from £3.1 million to £3.5 million.

BBB debut

BBB Design, the Hertfordshire publishing group, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market with a £5.5 million price tag.

Offer for sale

Windsor, the women's fashion house which sells through concessions in department stores, has been priced at 106p a share, giving a market capitalization of £23.3 million.

Further fall

Shares in Britain's largest merchant banking group, Morgan Grenfell, continued to disappoint stock market investors yesterday, falling a further 2p to 488p.

Allianz in £215m cash call

Allianz AG Holding, West Germany's largest insurer, yesterday announced terms of a deep-discounted rights issue to raise £215 million (DM72 million).

In January this year, Allianz acquired Cornhill Insurance from BTR for £305 million, having lost the battle for Eagle Star in 1983 to BAJ.

In Italy it has acquired RAS, the country's second-largest insurer for DM1 billion and last year it failed to acquire AA Mutual of Johannesburg.

Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom must exercise their subscription rights between July 10 and July 23.

Allianz Group's worldwide premium income was £5.18 billion in the year to December 31, 1985.

The company gives warning that growth in the German insurance market will level off this year but it is more hopeful about the American market.

The UK transfer agents for the issue are Deutsche Bank Capital Markets, Morgan Grenfell and Rowe & Pitman.

Lloyds to seek bid extension

Lloyds Bank admitted yesterday that it will have to ask the City Takeover Panel for a special dispensation to extend the timetable of its bid for Standard Chartered as a result of the need to satisfy US banking legislation.

Under the City rules, introduced to stop endless new offers and defences, an offer must close for acceptance unless declared unconditional 60 days after the first offer document is posted.

Thereafter, Lloyds would have until August 2 to satisfy or waive all other conditions and a further 21 days to pay for the Standard Chartered shares, should its bid succeed.

The US Federal Reserve Board may not rule on Lloyds' takeover of Standard Chartered's American interests, particularly the Union Bank of California, until July 16.

Lloyds will not ask the Panel for a dispensation until after the July 12 deadline.

DTI move may boost unit trusts

Far-reaching proposals giving unit trust companies greater flexibility in the management of their funds are likely to trigger a wave of new unit trusts as well as alter the way in which trusts are sold to the public.

The proposals are contained in a consultative document on the regulation of unit trusts due to be published by the Department of Trade and Industry this month.

The proposals open the door to the unit trust industry to engage in currency hedging, which at the moment is limited to hedging supported by back-to-back loans.

Moreover, financial futures will also be available to unit trust managers, as will the facility to write put options on the traded option market.

The consultative document, however, imposes a number of restrictions on the use of the newly-available instruments with the aim of seeing them used as hedging instruments and not to gear up funds.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet Investors switch off over Peacock view

When the Government considers dramatic initiatives in Britain's television industry, it would do well to consider City reaction to the Peacock report - a studied yawn.

History suggests that new developments in this field prove unprofitable, as were most television contracting companies in the early days.

At the moment, the television contracting sector is buoyant thanks to booming advertising revenues.

Instead, companies face the possibility at some future date of a tender auction for franchises.

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rather than to reinforce the present duopoly there. City analysts believe that the City would rally round to finance a privatized Radio 1 and 2.

Even the more distant television stations are too small to bother big investors.

Ignoring the Trustee Savings Banks, which do not generate privatization proceeds, the schedule starts in November with British Gas.

Adding in a bit for any parts of British Steel which may find a buyer, this gives a total of up to £8.5 billion.

The Government owns 49 per cent of British Telecom, worth a little over £7 billion.

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COMPANY NEWS BERKELEY TECHNOLOGY: Results for the six months to June 30, 1985 include a gross interim dividend of 3 cents (2.3 cents). OAKWOOD GROUP: Results for the half year to March 31 include, with figures in £000, turnover 5,947 (6,359), pre-tax profit 66 (68), tax 23 (22).

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Shake-up at HB Electronics

A group of investors led by two executives of the Holmes Protection group, an American alarm system manufacturer quoted in London, is to take over the reins at HB Electronics, the USM-quoted components distribution group.

HB is 83 per cent owned by W Canning, the Midlands chemicals, metals and electronics group which brought it to the market in 1983.

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Wall Street closed for Independence Day

(AP-Dow Jones) - US Treasury securities rose as much as 1/32 point from late New York levels on Japanese buying, but the market has effectively shut down in Europe in line with the US markets' holiday.

Dealers said the market in Tokyo was basically catching up with the Chicago futures market, following the early closing on Thursday of the Treasury market in New York.

The biggest bullish factor remained the news that US non-farm payrolls fell by 89,000 in June.

The brokers spotted quiet screen prices when Tokyo closed, with the benchmark Treasury 7 1/2 per cent bonds due 2016 ending 20/32 points higher than at 101 16/32.

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Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates for various currencies like New York, London, and others.

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Table showing Gold prices and related financial data.

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TEMPUS

ICI clears decks ahead of expansion drive

When a company is prepared to incur increased borrowing costs of about £1.4 million... ICI is planning to increase its ability to borrow money in three related moves...

to repay the cumulative preference shareholders. On completion of these manoeuvres, ICI's balance sheet will have the flexibility to take advantage of a variety of strategic options...

so much a takeover bid, more a management coup. It does not really matter what his quoted Tranwood company does... Mr Oppenheim's exit multiple of 19 is anything to go by...

Oil price trend

Since The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries broke up inconclusively last week, the price of Brent crude has headed determinedly towards \$10 a barrel...

Mr Oppenheim, who maintains there would not be a change of control because Aitken shareholders would end up with 91 per cent of Tranwood, is off to New York next week to persuade NSR's independent directors...

COMPANY NEWS

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STC climbs on speculation of ITT selling share stake

By Michael Clark

Shares of STC, the telecommunications and computer group, put in a late run yesterday climbing 10p to 166p... ITT which is the world's biggest publicly quoted company, still owns 131.02 million shares...

throughout the session closing 9.2 down at 1,356.5; while the broader based FT-SE 100 also lost 6.8 at 1,649.4... Marketmen complain that this could deter other companies from making new bids...

who had been hoping for further hints about the future from the company, came away disappointed... Crest Nicholson, the builder, held steady at 168p despite an upgrading of profits by Laing & Cruckshank...

market, worried by the latest weakness in the oil price on the spot market where it fell to almost \$10 a barrel... On the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of HB Electronic Components returned from suspension...

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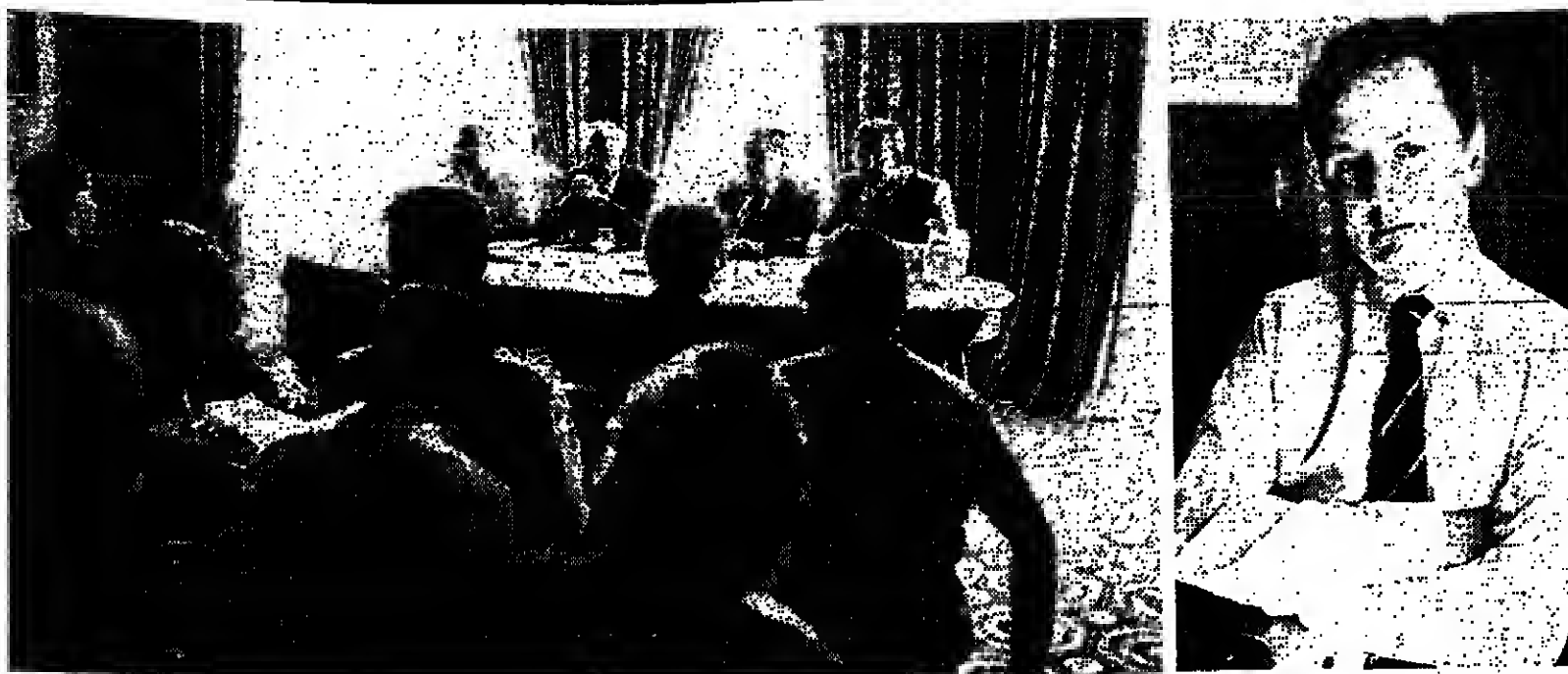
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FAMILY MONEY 1

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Meeting the creditors: Mr Rosen is far left, Mr Cooper second from right. Far right: The deeply disappointed Mr Bennett, an unsecured creditor

# How Spanish dreams were dashed

Holiday dreams can be dangerous and expensive. They cost John and Elaine Bennett more than £53,000 when they fell in love with the idea of a holiday villa on the Costa del Sol.

The Bennetts approached a company trading as M&M Spanish Homes, which was offering plots and the facility to build your own property near the popular and populous resort of Marbella in Spain.

The Bennetts found the brochure attractive and the promises seductive, but today they are deeply disappointed. M&M is now in liquidation, submerged beneath a raft of bad debts, and Mr Bennett claims that the property he was promised "might as well be in Siberia or the Sahara — it's a roof and four walls over which we have no title".

This is disputed by the company. One director says Mr Bennett "has perfect title". The matter is being fought out between the lawyers.

The two working directors of M&M Spanish Homes are Gerald Rosen and Paul Cooper, whose wives were originally the only directors until early last month, well after the application to put M&M into liquidation.

Mr Rosen admits that he and Mr Cooper were shadow directors of the company, because Mr Rosen "wanted to be self-employed". Mr Rosen has piloted two other companies to insolvency, attracting press comment, and Mr Cooper

per was a co-director of one company.

The way M&M Spanish Homes operated and the legal position of money paid to it appeared, according to one accountant at the creditors' meeting, "completely unclear", but its commercial activities seemed quite straightforward.

### 'Expert advice on investment projects'

M&M's brochure offers a range of services, from "expert advice on any investment project" to help on the technical and practical aspects of buying or developing property in the Marbella area. The company was an estate agent-cum-property developer.

In the Bennetts' case they paid £50,000 on account, for which they got a plot of land — and a villa was to be built on it.

Mr Bennett says he is in dispute with the Spanish builder who will not release the title (over which the builder has a claim in Spanish law), and he claims the £50,000 he gave Mr Cooper did not go through a Spanish bank account. If this is the case it creates another technical problem in Spanish law.

M&M's role in the acquisition of land and development of property is not clear. Some facts, however, can be distilled from the complex web of

dealing which surrounds M&M.

A statement of affairs prepared on behalf of the company for the creditors' meeting put the amount owing to unsecured creditors at £73,034, a figure that Mr Rosen subsequently claimed should have been smaller. That statement of indebtedness did not include a number of cases such as the Bennetts' and those of other individual clients of M&M who claim to be owed money by the company.

Despite having managed three companies which failed, Mr Rosen is, in his own words, "a man of substantial wealth". He says: "I have been for some years. It's not a crime, is it?" He adds that the first company went under 23 years ago.

Mr and Mrs Bennett have handed over about £53,000 to M&M — the extra £3,000 they gave Mr Cooper was for furniture they have never seen or used — for an unfinished villa in Spain, the title of which is now in dispute.

Their initial bill from the lawyers who now represent them is a handsome £4,000.

But Mr Rosen is adamant that the majority of clients who have dealt with M&M are satisfied with the service they have received, and that Mr Bennett has had "value for money".

Mr Rosen says: "We are not

stealing clients' money." He claims M&M has dealt with 1,400 to 1,500 clients over almost 10 years.

If Mr Rosen's claim that clients are happy is true, the same cannot be said for the trade creditors. Vaughn Hartman's advertising company is owed approximately

### More legal action being considered

£22,000 by M&M. Mr Hartman decided matters should be brought to a head in April. "I decided I couldn't go on. They (M&M) made promise after promise, but nothing was done," he said.

What can and will be done in this particular case remains to be seen. Some creditors are considering further legal action.

In general, however, there

are some lessons to be learned from a sad tale. Mr Bennett's biggest regret is "believing in a company which said they dealt with it all for you". He said: "I wish I'd used English lawyers from the start."

Michael Soul, an English solicitor specializing in Spanish property transactions, would agree: "People shouldn't pay money to anyone other than the owner of the property they're buying, and they can tell who the owner is by instructing a lawyer."

The Estate Agents Act 1979 requires agents to keep "clients' money" on a separate account. Unfortunately, that provision, which would make it so much easier to trace a would-be purchaser's cash, does not apply to contracts to acquire properties outside the UK. Mr and Mrs Bennett must be cursing their luck.

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FAMILY MONEY/4

£100m for mortgages

Building societies, banks, and lately life and pensions offices have been displaying Boy Scout eagerness to pump money into the mortgage market.

The latest and freshest face is Allied Dunbar, the unlinked life and pensions office. Allied Dunbar Home Loans aims to lead more than £100 million in its first year. Larger loans are treated favourably. Anything more than £75,000 is lent at 10.5 per cent - around 11.2 per cent as an annual percentage rate. Loans are, of course, of the endowment or pension type.

Other, more established lenders are trying to remain competitive. The Mortgage Corporation, backed by the American investment bank Salomon Brothers, has cut the rate charged on its endowment loans to 10.25 per cent. This is consistent with its stated intention of undercutting the market.

Financial intermediaries Fairchild's have negotiated £10 million of mortgage funds at 10.5 per cent from National Bank of Australia, though the rate charged is "variable".

Details: Allied Dunbar 0793 28291; Fairchild's - 01-839 3182; Mortgage Corporation 01-834 8444.

Cheques charge doubled

Both Midland and Lloyds Banks on Tuesday doubled the counter charges for cashing cheques for customers of other banks. Neither bank made any announcement of the decision. The cost is now £1 per cheque, while Barclays levies 75p and National Westminster makes non-customers pay 50p per transaction. "We are defending our customers' interests. We want to discourage other banks' customers from using our branches and impairing the service we give to our customers," said a Midland spokesman. "We are protecting our customers," echoed the man from Barclays.

The Midland added a darker, almost apocalyptic, tone to the affair with a comment worthy of a warmongering politician: "We want to maintain our deterrent in true cold war style, he then highlighted the simultaneous increase from Lloyds, which he blamed for the Midland increase. Although it is heartening to know of the banks' concern for our welfare, it surely is rather irksome to have to pay a fee which would amount to a 4 per cent transaction charge on a cheque of £25.

Free cover

Free accident insurance for travel to and from work or on holiday is provided free to National Westminster Access cardholders. Provided the fare is paid through Access, cardholders are protected free of charge

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There is no need to fill in a proposal form and if you are unfortunate enough to have a claim you simply send in the sales voucher for the tickets purchased.

£10 incentive

Lloyds Bank is offering £10 cash to first-year students who open a current account by the end of October - £2 more than last year. In addition, the Lloyds student loan package includes an overdraft of up to £200, a cheque book, a Cashpoint card and cheque guarantee card, and an Access card with a £200 credit limit. Meanwhile, the bank's Higher Education Loan offers parents a borrowing facility of up to £2,000 a year at concessionary rates to help fund their youngsters' education.

Facts of death

Amazingly, many people like to plan their own funerals in advance - paying the funeral director, for instance, or saving up for a decent wake through an insurance scheme. Age Concern says this certainly happens, and is offering a free fact sheet to help



them. Age Concern believes one of the worst things about bereavement is coping with the practicalities, such as the funeral and registering the death. Its fact sheet gives comprehensive advice on what to do about these and other problems - claiming the death grant, for instance. All useful stuff, and you can get it by sending a large stamped addressed envelope marked "Funerals Factsheet" to 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL.

Customer's perk

The current battle for mortgage business is producing some interesting spin-offs for home-buyers. The Cheshire Building Society is giving a Guaranteed Mortgage Card to borrowers who have been with the society for two years. This guarantees them a mortgage at any time in the future, but the really useful perk is a 50 per cent discount, worth up to £50, on their valuation fee when they apply for the next loan.

Just for expats

The updated version of the Allied Dunbar Expat Tax and Investment Guide is published this week, and is available in most bookshops at £3.50. The second edition contains details of the new inheritance tax, the phasing-out of foreign earnings deductions and the effects of anti-avoidance measures, as well as a guide to the do's and don'ts of going abroad and returning home.

Foreign choice

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Units are offered at a fixed price of 50p until July 15. The minimum investment is £1,000.

Buying Spanish

Just out: Buying Property in Spain, the latest publication from accountants Clark Whitehill. The firm has specialised in this area and has offices in both Marbella and Malaga, where British expatriates living in Spain can get tax advice.



The booklet covers the restrictions on purchases of property by foreigners, the contract, raising the finance, exchange control, costs and taxes, and all the detail associated with buying property in Spain. The booklet is available free from Clark Whitehill, 25 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN (01-353 1577).

More credit

Barclaycard is raising the limit on the amount of cash obtainable on its Premier Card from £100 a day to £250. The card can be used at nearly 15,000 cash dispensers in 20 countries throughout the world. The card, like other premium cards, is aimed at higher earners, those with an annual income of at least £20,000. There is no pre-set spending limit and cardholders can obtain a minimum unsecured overdraft of £7,500 at 2.5 per cent over bank base rate. Joining fee is £10 and there is an annual subscription fee of £40. Details from Barclays Bank branches.

Out of date

The tax system as it affects husband and wife is in need of reform, said the Treasury minister Peter Brooke, at an exhibition for women entrepreneurs. He said: "The present system is not appropriate for modern times. Many of you will have experienced the absurdity that a married woman has no right to privacy in tax matters, and cannot fill in her own tax return, even if she runs her own business.

As one such businesswoman commented, "The law implies that I am capable of running my own business, which handles tax affairs, but not capable of running my own tax affairs." The Government published a Green Paper on the taxation of husband and wife at the time of the Budget and is asking for views from interested parties.

Pupils' peril

Schoolchildren could be subjected to subtle advertising as a result of the shortage of cash for new textbooks, warned Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council. "Schools starved of funds for text books are eagerly using instead educational material produced for schools by industry and commerce.

The time has come for guidelines about control of the content to ensure that children are not subjected to glorified advertising," he said. In the area of finance, children are particularly vulnerable as the institutions have plenty of spare cash to produce educational material.

Pension facts you must be given

PENSIONS

Regulations covering the compulsory disclosure of information to pension fund members have been published this week and come into force from November 1.

From that date your employer will have to provide certain information regarding the pension scheme and your benefits, automatically - with additional information available on request.

You will have the right to information on your company pension scheme, including conditions of membership, eligibility, contribution levels and how they are calculated, benefits, and other details within 12 weeks of joining a company.

At retirement age you will be automatically entitled to a statement of benefits and if you die before retirement age, dependants or other beneficiaries are equally entitled to know what the death in service benefits are, and who is eligible.

Many pension schemes, particularly the large ones, provide this information already, although some of the booklets produced to describe the scheme to new employees leave a lot to be desired in terms of the amount of detail given and the clarity with which the scheme is explained.

But employees who are in a scheme which is wound up have new rights under the regulations.

They will be legally entitled to a statement of their benefits and must be told where they can get further information once the scheme has been formally wound up.

The new regulations also give employees the right to a statement of benefits once a year; but this will not be given automatically, you will have to make a request.

Similarly, if you change jobs, your former pension scheme must inform you of your benefit entitlement, rights and options.

The best pension schemes already provide annual benefit statements and explanatory literature on how the scheme works. But there are thousands of small pension schemes which provide little or nothing in the way of information.

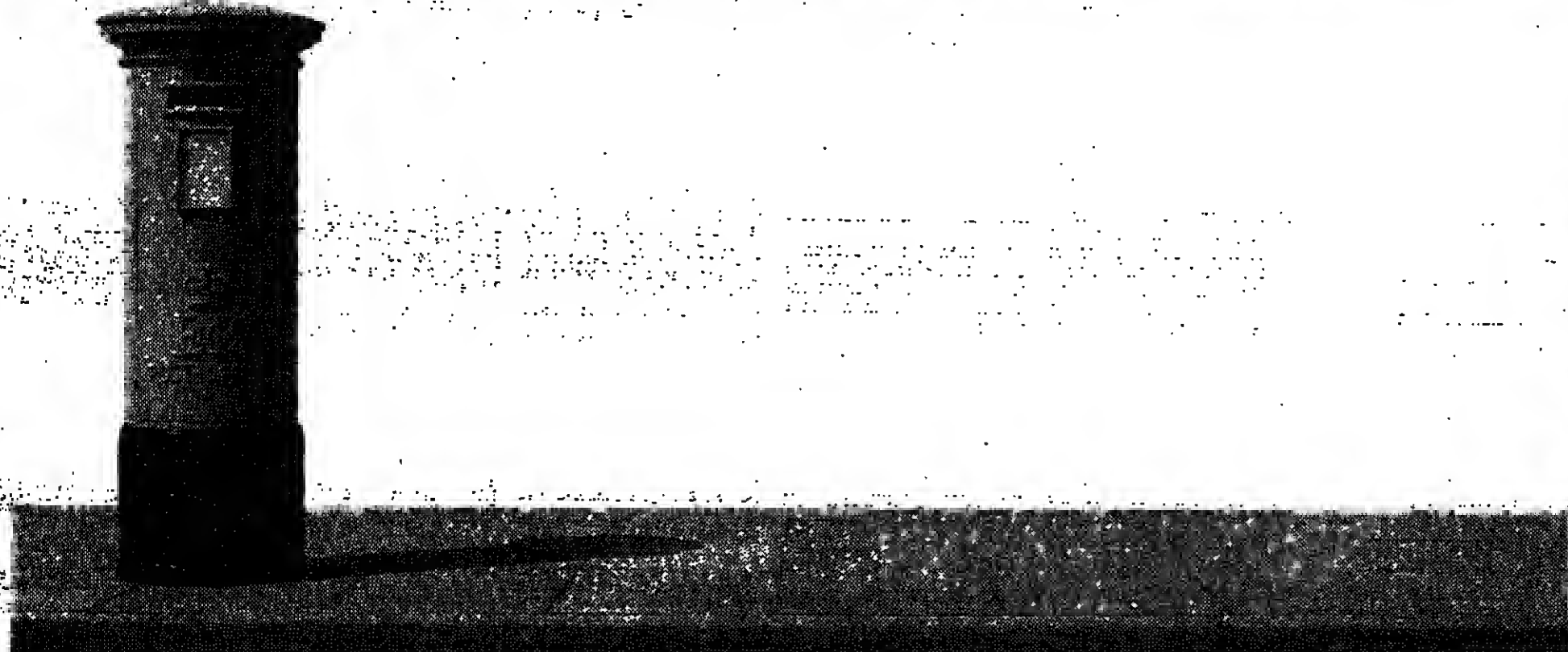
For example, few pension schemes bother to let former members (job-changers) know what their deferred-pension entitlement is once the em-



ployee has left the company. Corinne Serjeant, of the National Association of Pension Funds, said: "A lot of pension funds are having to face up to a number of changes."

The association, which represents most of the leading pension funds, has a code of conduct for the disclosure of information and it also runs the Golden Pen awards for companies that produce the best pension scheme annual reports and accounts.

Companies that have won the award or been runners-up include Metal Box, Bank Hovis McDougall, British Telecom, The Post Office, Reed, International, British Oxygen, Airways Pension Scheme, National Coal Board, Tate & Lyle, Debenhams, Fisons and TI.



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Hinks leads challenge with the second century of his career

By Richard Streeton

MIDSTONE: Kent (5pts) drew with Somerset (6).

afternoon wore on. Each hit Marks for a six. Tavaré jumping out and sending the ball high over long on. Hinks, with the high over long on, Hinks, with the high over long on...

the last 20 overs began and Garner returned to slow the run rate. Taylor "worked" most of his runs to the leg side and Cowdrey began to hit with increasing power.

Batting practice delays NZealanders' victory

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD: New Zealanders beat Essex by six wickets. The New Zealanders made heavy work of achieving their first victory over county opposition on this tour.

They, off the first balls of three successive overs. Gray had Esstaker at first slip, Topley stump and Turner caught behind.

Cambridge in double quick time

By Alan Gibson

LORDS: Cambridge University beat Oxford University by five wickets. There was an exciting finish to what had been, for the most part, a dull match.



Breezy: Edmonds takes a hearty stroke but is bowled by Chetan Sharma yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

McMillan frustrates championship drive

By Peter Marson

A fine innings by Brian McMillan, who made 136, and a steadfast eighth wicket partnership of 59 runs in 26 overs, frustrated Nottinghamshire's drive to a fourth victory in the Britannia Assurance county championship match against Warwickshire at Trent Bridge, yesterday.

at 30 for three, with Leicestershire leading by 48. Cobb was soon gone, caught behind as he aimed to hook Connor and in the fifth over, Whitaker felt obliged to retire having been hit on the hand by a ball bowled by Marshall.

Danish sting catches trophy and Bermuda

By Mike Berry

Sparkling strokeplay from Allan Frank Hansen, was Denmark third place in the ICC Trophy, and with it, the Stuart Crystal Bowl, with a six-wicket victory over Bermuda at Halesowen yesterday.

in the leg and Jorgen Morild completed it, by hitting the last ball on the 26th over, from Steve Lightbourne, for six.

Medlycott puts Middlesex in a spin Redgrave puts on double act on coasting home

By Peter Ball

UXBRIDGE: Surrey (23pts) beat Middlesex (7) by 197 runs.

An astonishing collapse by Middlesex, who lost their last nine wickets in 90 minutes after tea to the spin attack of Pocock and Medlycott, brought Surrey their huge victory yesterday in unexpected fashion.

The third day of Henley Royal Regatta started with a tough race in the Ladies' Challenge Cup Plate. Dublin's Neptune Rowing Club beat London University by half a length but not before the Irish crew had been pressured to within a canvas of the Mole.

with career with a world junior silver medal in Amsterdam almost two decades ago. He is some competitor, matched only by the enthusiasm of Rolf Munding in the losing crew.

It was a triumph for Keith Medlycott, their young left arm spinner, who exploited the turn and uneven bounce to claim five wickets for the second time in the match, ending with the impressive figures of 10 for 155, and vindication for Pat Pocock, who took the other four wickets to bring the victory after his declaration setting Middlesex the unlikely target of 357 in 160 minutes, plus 20 overs, had looked cautious in the extreme.

Harvard's freshmen were in aggressive mood in the quarter-finals of the Ladies' Challenge Plate. They stamped their authority on Cambridge University and Goldie Boat Club by length and a half after a close race to the Barrier.

So once again the noise is lightening at Henley Royal Regatta and this weekend promises some exciting races with many competitors, Neptune, in the semi-final round of the Ladies' Challenge Plate.

YESTERDAY'S HENLEY RESULTS

Table listing various regatta events such as Ladies' Plate, Double Sculls, Queen Mother, Prince Philip, Visitors' Cup, Princess Elizabeth, Firm backing, No to Sumo, Diamond Sculls, and Goblets, along with their winners and scores.

Getting promoted

Hampshire have drafted in Tony Middleton and Richard Spofforth to replace the departed Chris Olden and Chris Smith.

Notts unchanged

Nottinghamshire name an unchanged team for their match against Worcestershire at New Road, today. This means that Tim Robinson, who injured the little finger of his left hand in a John Player game at Leicester last Sunday, is still unavailable.

Lucky five

Sussex will field five uncapped players in the three day match against the New Zealanders today. Chris May, aged 20, the off-spin bowler makes his home first class debut and Adrian Jones, the fast bowler, returns after a foot injury to lead the attack with Imran Khan.

Larkins out

Northamptonshire will be without Wayne Larkins, their opening batsman, for their championship match against Surrey starting at the Oval today. Larkins was forced to pull out of the England squad for the Test against India after breaking his right thumb against Sussex at Hastings on Tuesday. His place will be taken by either Geoff Cook, the captain, who missed the match at Hastings with back injury, or Alastair Storey. Cook

SCHOOLS CHECK

Batall College, Oxford 215 for six dec. Colston's 218 for one (A Palmer 101 not out). Major Ian Reid's XI 158. Park Hill 171. (A Palmer 101 not out).

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards for various cricket matches including Middlesex v Surrey, Kent v Somerset, Derbyshire v Worcs, Glamorgan v Sussex, Notts v Warwick, and Camb U v Oxford U. Each entry lists batsmen, bowlers, and scores.

Gallant ghost of a bygone summer

By Alan Gibson

Frank Woolley played 64 times for England, a high figure for his time. (Hobbs, roughly his contemporary, played 61).

Woolley's return was greeted with surprise. England had made a successful recall of a veteran at the Oval with Rhodes, eight years before. In the first innings, going in after an opening partnership of 104, Woolley had only scored four when he nudged O'Reilly to short-leg.

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Best two innings of his life. In Tests, it was true, he was not quite so dominant. His jarring grace did not take easily to the time-unlimited game which he ruled in Australia. He scored only two centuries against them over there, and in England none, though he had 95 and 93 in the Lord's Test of 1921, which he considered the best two innings of his life.

FOR THE RECORD

Table listing various sports records and fixtures including Athletics, Baseball, Modern Pentathlon, Shooting, Hockey, and Weekend Fixtures.



CYCLING: TOUR DE FRANCE

Dutch protest on first day

From John Wilcockson, Paris

In the context of 2,560 miles of racing over 23 days, a time trial of 2.9 miles lasting less than six minutes does not count for much, but the prestige of winning the prologue stage of the Tour de France is gigantic.

Team coach, explained why the device had been fitted. He said: "Thierry had a problem last year. He was sliding forward on his saddle when he rode a time trial. We fitted the support to hold him in place."

ago. His victory yesterday was particularly satisfying for Guimard, who has been criticized for the weakness of his team, which supports one of the race favourites, Laurent Fignon.

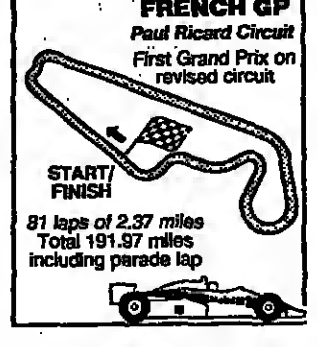
Robert Millar, of Scotland, who has great pretensions for winning this year, got away to a good start, finishing only 14 seconds behind Hinault but, more significantly, eight seconds ahead of Luis Herrera, the Colombian who has also been tipped for victory.

MOTOR RACING

Circuit changes win approval

From John Blausden, Dijon

There was a generally favourable response from drivers yesterday as the modifications made to the Paul Ricard circuit as they acclimatized themselves to the 2.37 miles course in preparation for Sunday's French Grand Prix.



Ferrari, preparing to take part in their 40th Grand Prix, have found some much-needed extra performance from the combination of a longer wheel base, a wider track and a 50 bhp stronger engine.

The various alternatives being offered by FISA, the sport's governing body, to reduce horsepower, the teams and engine suppliers are almost certainly going to opt for a return to normally aspirated engines by 1989 with a capacity limit of 3 1/2 litres and most probably a restriction to no more than eight cylinders.

"It is much safer than the old course," Ayton Senna said after claiming the provisional pole position in his JPS Lotus. "The only problem could be the first lap. Everyone will have to be very careful first time through the corner because it will be very congested then. But after that it should be no problem and it will certainly be safer for everyone."

to race it until after tomorrow's final qualifying.

Jean Sage, Renault's race director, says that the loss of BMW will be a major blow to Formula One and there is no question of a return to the 1981 season and some form of power limiting device may well be applied to them during this period.

The Russians showed their strong form by overwhelming Spain 102-85 in the final of a warm-up tournament last month in Valencia, despite losing with the Soviet Union.

Senna spent much of the preliminary practice testing the latest specification Renault engine, which incorporates a modified cylinder head.

After Nelson Piquet had set the initial qualifying pace with his Canon Williams-Honda, Nigel Mansell, his team partner, took command, but he in turn was quickly challenged by Senna, who tipped him by less than one hundredth of a second before Mansell claimed back the fastest time with an even better run.

Although there has been no official announcement, there is now a widely held view that the Renault will be used for the final qualifying runs.

Practice times: 1. A Senna (Fr), JPS Lotus-Renault, 1m 52.268s; 2. Nelson Piquet (Br), Canon Williams-Honda, 1m 52.755s; 3. N Piquet (Br), Canon Williams-Honda, 1m 52.755s; 4. R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier-Matsuda, 1m 52.755s; 5. M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1m 52.755s; 6. M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1m 52.755s; 7. J Jabre (Fr), Ligier-Matsuda, 1m 52.755s; 8. J Jabre (Fr), Ligier-Matsuda, 1m 52.755s; 9. J Jabre (Fr), Ligier-Matsuda, 1m 52.755s; 10. J Jabre (Fr), Ligier-Matsuda, 1m 52.755s.

OLYMPICS

Seoul hope for profit

Seoul (Reuters) - Park Sa Jik, the South Korean Sports Minister, says revenue-making projects for the 1988 Seoul Olympics are progressing well and there are high hopes that the games will make a profit.

FOOTBALL

Robson must wait for talks over contract

Bobby Robson, the England manager, must wait to discover whether he will be given a new contract, taking him up to the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

BOWLS

Bell takes third title

Eileen Bell, of Belfast, won the British Isles women's singles championship for the third time at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, yesterday.

WEEKEND TV and RADIO

Radio 3 Continued from facing page. (Agnie). Acts one, two and three. 3.45 The Old Age of My Mother. Marshall reads more pages from Marie Bashkirtseff's journal.



Follow that: Heike Drechsler, of East Germany, equals her world long jump record with a leap of 7.45 metres

ATHLETICS Gladwin chosen as Cram's pacemaker for Dream Mile

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Dresden

Rising over the south-east corner of the Heinz-Steyer Stadium here is one of the most alien structures ever to border an athletics track. It is a cross between an oriental castle and a mosque. It is, in fact, a cigarette factory.

BASKETBALL

Russians expected to retain world title

Madrid (Reuters) - The tenth world championship opens today with the Soviet Union favourites to retain the title despite stiff competition from the United States, Yugoslavia and the hosts, Spain.

WORLD SERVICE

0.00 Newswatch, 8.30 Jazz for the Askins, 11.30 The World Service, 12.00 News, 1.00 From our Own Correspondent, 7.45 Sportsweek, 8.00 News, 8.15 Review, 8.30 News, 8.45 Review, 9.15 Sportsweek, 9.30 News, 9.45 Review, 10.00 News, 10.15 Review, 10.30 News, 10.45 Review, 11.00 News, 11.15 Review, 11.30 News, 11.45 Review, 12.00 News, 12.15 Review, 12.30 News, 12.45 Review, 1.00 News, 1.15 Review, 1.30 News, 1.45 Review, 2.00 News, 2.15 Review, 2.30 News, 2.45 Review, 3.00 News, 3.15 Review, 3.30 News, 3.45 Review, 4.00 News, 4.15 Review, 4.30 News, 4.45 Review, 5.00 News, 5.15 Review, 5.30 News, 5.45 Review, 6.00 News, 6.15 Review, 6.30 News, 6.45 Review, 7.00 News, 7.15 Review, 7.30 News, 7.45 Review, 8.00 News, 8.15 Review, 8.30 News, 8.45 Review, 9.00 News, 9.15 Review, 9.30 News, 9.45 Review, 10.00 News, 10.15 Review, 10.30 News, 10.45 Review, 11.00 News, 11.15 Review, 11.30 News, 11.45 Review, 12.00 News, 12.15 Review, 12.30 News, 12.45 Review, 1.00 News, 1.15 Review, 1.30 News, 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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1
6.48 Open University. Until 9.25.
6.50 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Cheryl Baker and Mark Curry.

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain, presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.55; news at 7.00; regional report, 7.08; and sport at 7.10.



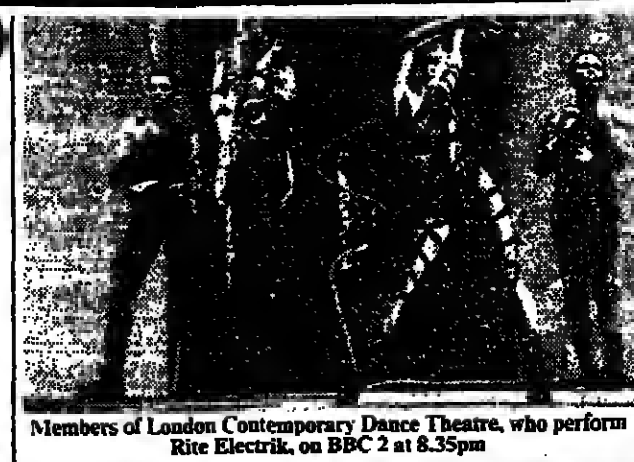
Jimmy Cricket and Clive Davis in the comedy and music show All Cricket and Wellies, on ITV at 7.00pm

BBC 2
6.50 Open University. Until 9.25.
6.55 Cricket: Third Test, and Wimbledon 86. The action from the third day's play in the match at Edgbaston between England and the West, and the Ladies' Singles final at Wimbledon.

CHANNEL 4
1.45 Channel Four Racing from Sandown. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Trafalgar House Sprint (2:00); the Commonweath Stakes (2:30); and the Coral Eclipse Stakes (3:05).

BBC 1
6.45 Open University. Until 9.25.
6.55 Play School. (r) 9.15 Knock Knock. Stories and songs for young children.

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain for a Sunday. 'A Thought for a Sunday' 7.00 Are You Awake Yet? 7.25 The Little cartoon: 7.50 WAC Extra. 8.10 Lent Barnett's Pick of the Week: 8.27 News headlines.



Members of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, who perform Rite Electric, on BBC 2 at 8.35pm

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CHANNEL 4
1.05 Irish Angle - Pattems. This final programme of the series features the skills of potter, Nicholas Moss. Model Make. The first programme in a repeat series on the joys of model-making.

Radio 4
On long wave. VHF variations at 12.00.
6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Previews. Music (s).

Radio 3
On medium wave. VHF variations between 6.35am and 6.55.
6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Previews. Music (s).

Radio 2
On medium wave. See Radio 1 for VHF variations.
6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Previews. Music (s).

Radio 1
On the half-hour until 12.30.
6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Previews. Music (s).

Radio 4
On long wave. VHF variations at end.
6.55 Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.10 Previews. Music (s).

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Advertisement for 'John Silver's Return to Treasure Island' featuring a large image of a man in a pirate costume and promotional text: 'That one-legged pirate is back - more deadly and cunning than ever!' and 'JOHN SILVER'S RETURN TO TREASURE ISLAND begins ITV transmission TONIGHT at 5.05 P.M.'



SPORT

Getting done little justice by his bowlers

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON: India, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 208 runs behind England.

It was no longer bright and beautiful at Edgbaston yesterday, but the series with India, sponsored by Cornhill, continued to produce some worthwhile cricket. After two days of the third Test match India are 182 for three in reply to England's 390.

India would have settled for this, I imagine, when they went in. Not since England beat Australia at the Oval last summer had they made as good a total, but the bowling they followed it up with was undistinguished and bordering at times on the ragged. It is curious in an age when containment is so often the order of the day that they are not more accurate. It is far too soon to rule out an English victory, but to achieve one they will need to bowl to a fuller length than they did yesterday. Anything short is meat and drink on this pitch to Indian batsmen of this calibre.

There was a certain irony about the morning's play. Had it been as dark on Thursday, when England were beginning their innings, the umpires' offer to come off for bad light would have been accepted, and there would have been no play and if India had been batting they would no doubt have taken the chance to come off. As it was, because it suited England to go on batting, we had a full morning's cricket, and it is unlikely that the batsmen were in any way unaccommodated. In the two

hours before lunch India, with their backs to the wall, bowled only 26 overs, while England scored 174 runs for the loss of Foster, Edmonds and French. By the time Radford was last out, in the first over of the afternoon, Gattling had been batting for six and a half hours (or 294 balls) and made a fine score. I was much reminded of the Gentlemen and Players

had called the tune and played wonderfully well. India were batting by two o'clock and soon rattling along. You never quite know how Gavaskar is going to bat these days. With Srikanth as his partner he sometimes likes to show that he, too, has all the shots. That is as it was now, so that after 10 overs India were 50 for no wicket. Radford must have wondered what had hit him. His first three overs cost 24 runs, his first five 34. Gavaskar taking three successive fours off him and Srikanth flourishing his bat like a penny cane.

There was a difficult diving chance to Athey at cover point off Radford, given by Gavaskar, and it was Radford who got rid of Srikanth, Pringle taking a nice catch at first slip. Three overs later, with only five runs added, Gavaskar entirely misjudged the line of a ball from Pringle. He played on stroke and back went him off stump. Pringle had now had a hand to the fall of seven of India's last eight wickets, here and at Headingley.

Radford may have been trying to bowl too fast. He was not brought in to frighten the batsmen out but to bowl straight and to pitch the ball up. It was some time before he did so. Foster also bowled too short, although the ball would turn, it did so only slowly, and the Indians are used to that.

Amarath and Vengsarkar, playing competently, had added 80, the last few of them in fitful sunshine, when Vengsarkar drove at Radford

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Captain courageous: Gattling struck by a ball from Kapil Dev during his 183 not out (Photograph: Chris Harris)

and Gooch, diving to his right at second slip, held an excellent catch. Any side would have been pleased to play

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Four doubtful

Kent have doubts about four players for their county championship match against Derbyshire in Derby today. Graham Dilley, the England fast bowler (tooth abscess), Richard Ellison, the England all-rounder (ankle), Steve Marsh, wicketkeeper (bruised hand)

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Becker power is too much for Leconte

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Henri Leconte, on his 23rd birthday, played a game of tennis that he will want to forget but never will. The mighty Boris Becker, Wimbledon champion, was looking weary in body and mind as they swung into the fourth set of their semi-final yesterday. For the first time Leconte seemed the fitter man. But in the fourth game Becker was thrice lucky; and a break to 3-1 gave him what turned out to be a decisive advantage. Becker won 6-2, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 in two hours and 24 minutes.

In that critical game a passing shot by Becker bounced conveniently (for him) off the net cord. Then a blocked service return based on hope rather than confidence drifted lazily through the air like a hesitant butterfly before perching on a distant line. That gave Becker a break point and Leconte, ignoring the birthday conventions, promptly served a double fault that presented the game to Becker.

A frightening performance

Leconte served seven double faults and 11 aces, and Becker eight double faults and 13 aces (plus three times as many services that over game back to him). For almost three sets the power of Becker's serving was such that John Newcombe, up to the stands, described it as "right for the fact that Leconte was not standing in the way. Becker would have risked a charge of inflicting previous bodily harm. Often Leconte, stooping to receive, merely watched the ball go by. Even more often, he gasped and lunged and somehow deflected the ball with the frame or outstrings of the racket. One had the impression that his hair was fluttering in the draft. Becker was returning service better, too, especially on the backhand. His anticipation and reactions were sharper than Leconte's, his racket handling more assured. He was quick to profit from anything but the best of services and noise. Mentally and technically, this was awesome and almost flawless grass court tennis.

had two break points in that third set but Leconte responded with a service winner and an ace. At 4-5 down, Becker conceded more than two points on his service for the first time in the match. A double fault even gave Leconte a set point, which Becker saved with a thrilling, acrobatic stop volley.

Then came a tie-break in which Becker looked suddenly drained: much as Pat Cash had done at a similar stage of a match with the resilient Leconte. Maybe it was one of those centre court trances that can afflict even the best of players. Maybe it was just battle fatigue. Whatever the reason, Becker's mind and reactions slowed down, his rhythm and touch deserted him. Two tired back-hand volleys said it all.

So to the fourth set — and that somewhat bizarre fourth game which restored Becker to at least a semblance of his earlier splendour when Leconte was 2-5 down a supporter shouted "Tout n'est jamais perdu". The supporter was wrong. But this was a fine, furious match between two charming sportsmen who walked off court with an arm round each other's shoulders.

Up to the Royal Box, the once-great Jean Borotra must have appreciated his compatriot's panache, exciting sword-play, and unflinching resistance. Leconte is already a sporting hero in his own country, largely because he embodies so many national characteristics that he is almost a caricature of a Frenchman. Now he has made his mark in Britain.

The fact that Leconte was beaten by an equally engaging example of all that is best in typically blond, blue-eyed, healthy German youth, matters less than the nature of the dazzling pleasures they spread before us.

More to the point, Becker

Mandlikova holds the key

By Rex Bellamy

For the first time since 1977 the Wimbledon women's singles final today will be contested by players who were both born in Europe, in this case Martina Navratilova and Hana Mandlikova.

In 1975 Miss Navratilova and Renata Tomanova won the world team championship (Federation Cup) for Czechoslovakia. Since 1981 Miss Navratilova has been a United States citizen but presumably there will be a conflict of loyalties when, later this month, she returns to her native land in an effort to take the Federation Cup away from Czechoslovakia, winners for the past three years. Miss Mandlikova has replaced Miss Navratilova as the star of the Czechoslovak show.

Another historic aside is that Betty Stove, who lost to Virginia Wade in the last final between players born in Eu-

rope, has had much to do — as travelling companion, coach and confidante — with Miss Mandlikova's increasing maturity as a player and a person. That player-person relationship is essential. Professional tennis is increasingly a game for the young but it is rare for a major title to go to anyone other than the comprehensively adult.

Miss Mandlikova has grown up. She is also more than five years younger than Miss Navratilova, which must be measured against the fact that Miss Navratilova has won 18 of their previous 24 matches. Miss Mandlikova was the last player to beat Miss Navratilova at Wimbledon, in 1981, though Miss Navratilova won their three other matches on grass: one at Eastbourne, the others in Australia.

Miss Navratilova holds the

Wimbledon and Australian titles last September. Miss Mandlikova beat Chris Lloyd and Miss Navratilova in turn to win the US championships. What all this amounts to is that there can be no confident forecast. Miss Navratilova has won all her six Wimbledon singles finals. This year's opposition has hardly been formidable, which means that she should have plenty of physical and emotional energy in reserve. She may be rocked back on her heels for a few games and Miss Mandlikova is largely a "confidence" player who, granted a good start, can be irresistibly inspired.

Miss Navratilova, however, is the sounder of the two and has the strength of arm and wrist that is always important on grass, which often demands improvisation. Much depends on whether Miss Mandlikova's services and approach shots are as boldly accurate as they were against Mrs Lloyd. If they are, it must be doubted whether Miss Navratilova can counter-punch as well as Mrs Lloyd usually does.

Both players are exceptionally good movers. Miss Mandlikova's cross-court forehand could hurt Miss Navratilova's backhand. Equally, Miss Navratilova's chipped backhand approach shot down the line could be fruitful. It should be a fascinating match — decided, one suspects, by Miss Mandlikova's less predictable form and by the way each player serves.

The year peace broke out at Wimbledon

By Richard Evans

It is too simplistic to suggest that the absence of John McEnroe and the first round defeat of Jimmy Connors has been entirely responsible for the aura of peace and tranquillity that has settled over Wimbledon this year.

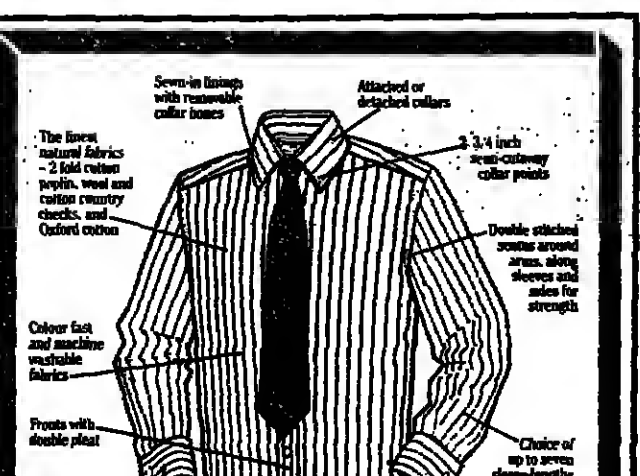
Obviously the headlines would have been shriller had they been around but both are behaviour on the international circuit is concerned. Before going off to watch Boris Becker give a highly concentrated demonstration of power play against the amusing and less concentrated Henri Leconte yesterday Iou Triac, the Wimbledon champion's manager, was in a long discussion over the game's changing mores with Marshall Happer, the executive director of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, and his Paris-based assistant, Paul Srebnik.

"There is no problem with the young players," Triac said. "The Swedes and other Europeans are perfect. Even Boris is better now because he knows that when he gets angry he plays badly. He had 10 minutes when he lost his temper against Paul McNamee and it hurt him." Happer, who has the thankless task of trying to tell millionaire superstars what to do, was delighted to hear such sentiments coming from a man who was apt to cause a little

mayhem on court in his own playing days. "The general behaviour pattern is vastly improved," Happer agreed. "The fines levied by our supervisors at the French Open this year were way down on last year. The attitude of the Europeans has certainly been a factor but so, too, has the improvement in the standard of officiating."

Ken Ferrar, the chief grand prix supervisor, said that there would be no significant drop in the number of fines at Wimbledon this year but, as he pointed out, "crimes" such as yelling at umpires and obscene gestures were virtually nonexistent now. "Most of the offences are minor ones," Ferrar agreed. "We have much less trouble with bad behaviour than we used to."

Happer is always keeping an eye for new technological aids to assist his officials and is looking at a system based on sonar sounding, as used in submarines, which could cover all lines on a tennis court and offer officials instant replays. "Certainly the days when umpires at tennis and cricket and referees at football will be assisted by another official monitoring precision technology by the side of the playing area cannot be far away. In the meantime, this generation of tennis players seem better suited temperamentally to handle the injustices of human error than their immediate predecessors."



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Wood in

Roy Wood has been elected the new chairman of Gillingham following the resignation of Charles Cox. Earl Henry Sanders, as new vice-chairman, and Dennis Berry are both re-elected to the club's board, having earlier stepped down.

Gibb chosen

Alan Gibb, a Scotsman who lives in the north of England, has been appointed the new chairman of the British Amateur Rugby League Association. He has been chairman of the youth committee for three seasons.

Ski summer

Over 100 skiers are expected to compete in the second Westgate Insurance grand prix at Rossendale, Lancashire tomorrow. The event is part of a six-race series on artificial slopes in Britain. The remaining four rounds take place at Gloucester, on September 6, at Hemel Hempstead, on September 14, at Silkswood, Tyne and Wear, on October 4 and at Rossendale, on October 18.

Verona move

VERONA, Italy (AP) — Verona, the Italian football league club, have sent a two-man delegation, including their vice-president, to Frankfurt in an attempt to sign Thomas Berthold, the 21-year-old West German defender currently with Eintracht. Italian clubs are expected to be allowed to field newly-hired foreign players in 1987 as an existing ban is likely to be lifted at the end of the year and Verona recently sold Hans-Peter Briegel, another West German, to Sampdoria.

England win

England beat Spain 2-1 in a women's hockey World Cup warm-up match at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Vickie Dixon, as the result of a penalty corner, and Katie Parkes scored for England and Angela Canal for Spain. England meet Japan today and again tomorrow at the same venue.

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